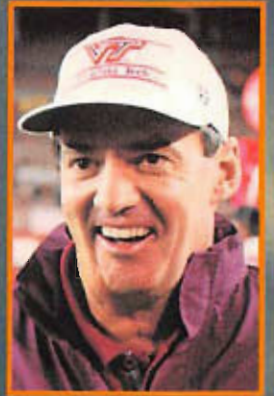


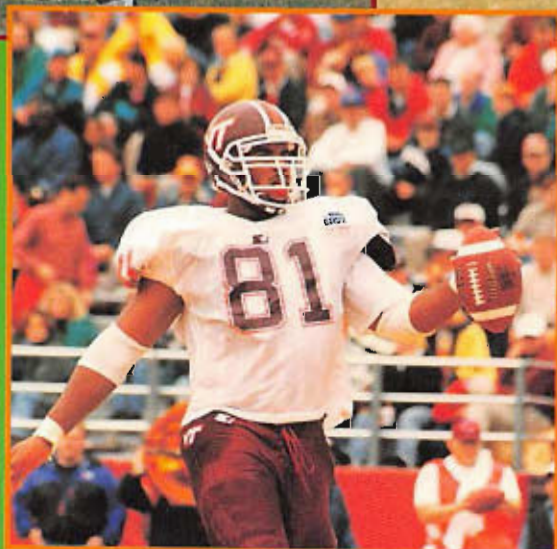
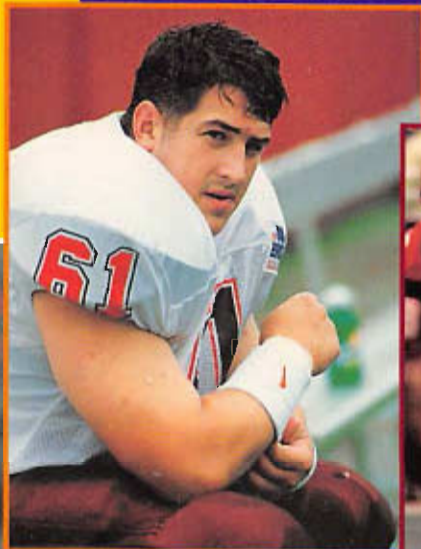
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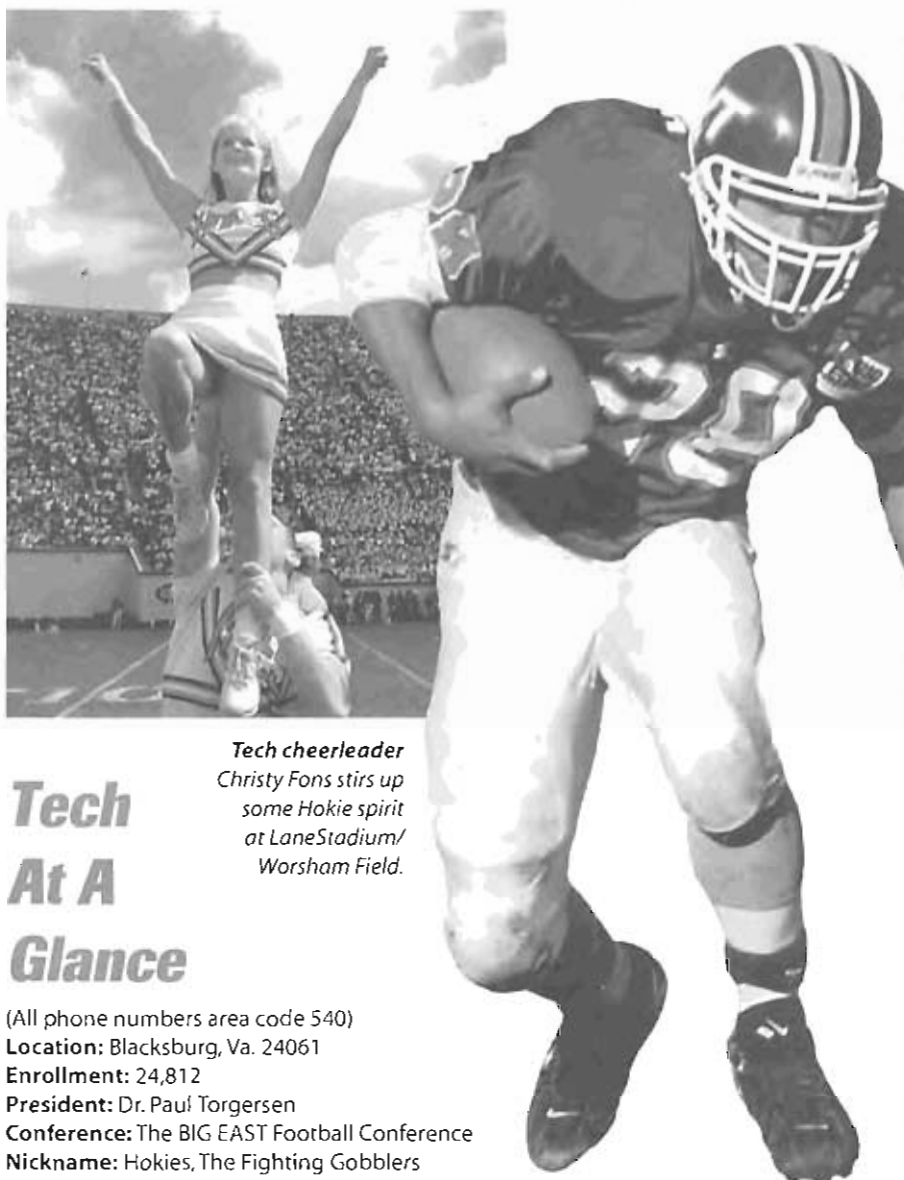


*This panorama of pictures features some of the biggest stars who guided Virginia Tech to great football heights in 1996. They are (clockwise, starting at the top), center Billy Conaty; fullback Brian Edmonds; linebacker Brandon Semones, the team's leading tackler; tight end Bryan Jennings; and defensive backs Antonio Banks and a leaping Torrian Gray.*



# VIRGINIA TECH

## Orange Bowl Guide



### Tech At A Glance

(All phone numbers area code 540)

**Location:** Blacksburg, Va. 24061

**Enrollment:** 24,812

**President:** Dr. Paul Torgersen

**Conference:** The BIG EAST Football Conference

**Nickname:** Hokies, The Fighting Gobblers

**Colors:** Chicago maroon and burnt orange

**Director of Athletics:** Dave Braine (231-3977)

**Faculty Chairman of Athletics:** Dr. Larry Killough

**Head Football Coach:** Frank Beamer (231-4132)

**Beamer's Overall Record:** 103-73-4 (16 years)

**Beamer's Record at Tech:** 61-50-2 (10 years)

**Director of Media Relations:** Jack Williams (231-6726); Williams at home: 951-0963

**Sports Information Director:** Dave Smith (231-6726); Smith at home: 951-8024

**Associate Sports Information Director:** Anne Panella (231-7684)

**Assistant Sports Information Directors:** Gary Wheat, David Knachel, Cassie Arner

**Ticket Manager:** Tom McNeer (231-6731)

**Tech cheerleader**  
*Christy Fons stirs up  
some Hokie spirit  
at Lane Stadium/  
Worsham Field.*

**Tailback Ken Oxendine** makes a  
move to pick up a few of the 890  
yards he gained this season to  
lead the Hokies in rushing.

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# SEASON in Review

## 10-1 Most Regular Season Wins Ever Propel Techmen to FedEx Orange Bowl

It's on to Miami and the FedEx Orange Bowl for Virginia Tech which has become one of college football's most surprising and exciting teams of the 1990s.

Coach Frank Beamer's Hokies will be playing in their fourth consecutive bowl when they clash with all-powerful Nebraska at Pro Player Stadium the night of Dec. 31.

During the 1996 campaign, Tech became the first team in school history to win 10 games during the regular season, finishing with a 10-1 record. The

Hokies now have swept 20 of their last 21 games. Tech closed the 1995 season with 10 straight victories and capped the year by defeating Texas, 28-10, in the Nokia Sugar Bowl game.

After winning The BIG EAST Conference championship outright in 1995, the Hokies shared the title this season with Miami and Syracuse. Tech was chosen the BIG EAST's Alliance Bowl representative because it finished higher in the national polls than Miami and Syracuse. In the final regular season voting, the Hokies were selected ninth in the coaches' USA Today/CNN poll and were 10th in The Associated Press poll.

Individuals won high honors, too, for the Hokies in 1996. Cornell Brown, a consensus All-American in 1995, repeated as a Walter Camp All-American and was one of four finalists in voting for the Lombardi Award. Quarterback Jim Druckenmiller was named the BIG EAST Conference's co-Offensive Player of the Year along with Syracuse quarterback Donovan

McNabb. The Hokies landed 12 players on the All-BIG EAST first and second teams.

And, for the second straight year, Tech's Beamer was chosen by his peers as The BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Year.

Tech gained much of its national acclaim this year by sweeping four tiger-tough games to close out the regular season. Many felt the closing stretch against East Carolina, Miami, West Virginia and Virginia on successive Saturdays was the toughest run ever faced by a Tech team.

The Hokies, however, came through the stretch with flying colors.

The run started with a convincing 35-14 win over East Carolina before a crowd of 49,128 on a frigid night at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. Druckenmiller had a banner game, passing for three touchdowns. He hit Michael Stuewe on a 65-yard scoring play, threw a 23-yarder to Cornelius White and a 15-yarder to fullback Brian Edmonds.

Tech played that game without its defensive star Brown and six other players who were suspended at mid-week after being charged with participating in a fight in downtown Blacksburg.

Next came a national headline match with Miami at the Orange Bowl and what a game it turned out to be. The Hokies won, 21-7, but were not ensured of victory until they came up with two interceptions in the Tech end zone in the final two minutes.

The first of those interceptions came with the Hurricanes trailing by just seven points and facing a fourth-and-four at the Tech eight. Hokie reserve safety Keion Carpenter picked off a Scott Covington pass in the end zone and raced 100 yards for a touchdown with 1:54 left.

When Miami roared back into scoring range, Torrian Gray of the Hokies ended the last Hurricane threat by intercepting another Covington pass with 40 seconds left.

When Tech played host to West Virginia

*Versatile Shawn Scales helped push Tech to a banner season.*

at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field the next week, it turned out to be Cornell Brown Day. He completely wrecked the Mountaineer's offense as Tech scored a 31-14 triumph.

Brown contributed three quarterback sacks to the Tech cause and picked off a quarterback pitch on a reverse play to stop a West Virginia drive.

Meanwhile, tailback Ken Oxendine ran for 104 yards and two touchdowns and Druckenmiller threw two touchdown passes to Cornelius White on plays covering 35 and six yards. The Tech offensive outburst came against a defense that ranked among the best in college football.

The win gave Tech a final 6-1 BIG EAST record for the second straight year. Syracuse went into the last week of BIG EAST play unbeaten, but was upset by Miami to throw the race into a three-way tie.

The Hokies closed out the regular season against old rival Virginia in Blacksburg and came away with a 26-9 victory. A sellout crowd of 50,128 and a vast CBS television audience saw that game.

The Cavaliers led, 9-7 at the half, but the Hokies came back to score 19 unanswered points after intermission. Druckenmiller tossed two touchdown passes and threw a 74 yard aerial to White to set up another score.

Flanker Shawn Scales capped the day when he ran 17 yards on a reverse play for the Hokies' last touchdown.

Just as it did during the 1995 season, Tech got off to a shaky start this campaign. The Hokies had to overcome a lot of opening game mistakes to barely defeat Akron, 21-18, in a game on the road.

Oxendine went down with an injury in that contest and his top backup, Marcus Parker, was serving a suspension at the time. That left Shyrone Stith, an untested freshman, to carry the load at tailback. He carried it well, rushing for 119 yards and scoring two touchdowns.

Stith was a strong force again the next week as Tech blasted Boston College on the road. He ran for 80 yards and again scored two touchdowns. Fullback Edmonds also had a big game, scoring twice on runs of 21 and 19 yards. The Tech defense never gave the Eagles a chance, recording seven sacks.

Tech made its first home game of the season a successful one with a 30-14 victory over Rutgers. The Hokies, however, had to break a 14-14 tie in the third quarter to earn the win.

Freshman Shayne Graham had three field goals, hitting from 35, 31 and 25 yards. Edmonds clinched the win with a 19-yard scoring run with 6:25 left in the game.



*All-American Cornell Brown is the Hokies' big play man.*

The Hokies' only loss came in the fourth game at Syracuse. The Orangemen scored 28 unanswered points in the second half and thoroughly whipped the Techmen, 52-21. The loss snapped Tech's 13-game winning streak, the longest in the nation at the time.

Quarterback Donovan McNabb engineered the Syracuse win with an assortment of big plays. None was bigger than a 48-yard pass to Jim Turner on third-and-17 after Tech had crept back to within three points at 24-21 in the third period.

The Hokies regrouped and thrashed Temple the next week in Blacksburg, 38-0, as Oxendine returned to the headlines with three touchdowns. One came on a 71-yard burst. The Owls only penetrated the Tech

40-yard line twice.

The next week, a pair of Druckenmiller to Shawn Scales passes lifted Tech to a 34-17 win over Pitt in Blacksburg. The Tech defense limited the Panthers to just 69 yards of total offense in the second half.

Tech also breezed to an easy non-conference victory in a game with Southwestern Louisiana at Blacksburg. A pair of Oxendine scoring runs and two touchdown passes by Druckenmiller broke the game open. Graham made four field goals, hitting from 20, 19, 25 and 32 yards.

That game set the stage for the tough stretch run in which Tech's season went from good to great, vaulting the Hokies high in the national rankings and into their second straight major bowl.



# EXTRA Points



Head Coach  
Frank Beamer

## Countdown to Kickoff

**10** This year's Orange Bowl will mark Virginia Tech's 10th appearance in a bowl game.

**9** Tech's No. 9 ranking in the USA Today/CNN Coaches Poll equals the Hokies' highest ever ranking in a national football poll. Tech finished ninth in the coaches' poll last season.

**8** The Hokies have played eight regular season football games in the city of Miami, all against the University of Miami. Tech notched its first ever win in Miami earlier this season with a 21-7 victory over the 'Canes.

**7** The Orange Bowl will be the seventh different bowl game in which Tech has played. The others are the Sun Bowl, the Liberty Bowl (twice), the Peach Bowl (twice), the Independence Bowl (twice), the Gator Bowl and the Sugar Bowl.

**6** Last year's bowl opponent, Texas, was ranked sixth nationally by the coaches. This year's foe, Nebraska, is rated sixth by both the Associated Press and the coaches.

**5** The Hokies have played bowl games in five different states — Texas, Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana and Florida.

**4** Tech will be making its fourth appearance of the season on CBS when it faces Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

**3** Tech has won three of its last four bowl games — the 1986 Peach Bowl, 1994 Independence Bowl and 1995 Sugar Bowl.

**2** Virginia Tech is the BIG EAST Football Conference representative in the Bowl Alliance for the second straight season.

**1** The Orange Bowl game will mark the Hokies' first ever appearance in the Orange Bowl and first ever football game against Nebraska.

## Firsts

➤ The 1996 Tech squad posted the first 10-win regular season in school football history. The '96 Hokies also became the first Tech football team ever to score 20 points or more in every regular-season game and the first to post a 7-0 record at home.

## Beamer Milestones

➤ Coach Frank Beamer earned his 100th victory as a head coach on the collegiate level when the Hokies downed East Carolina, 35-14, on Nov. 9. Beamer won 42 games in six seasons as the head coach at Murray State University in Kentucky. He now has 61 wins in his 10 seasons at Virginia Tech, giving him an overall coaching record of 103-73-4.

## Beamer's

61 wins at Tech tie him with his former coach, Jerry Claiborne, for second place on the Hokies' all-time coaching wins list for football. Claiborne earned 61 victories from 1961 through 1970. Bill Dooley tops the winning list with 64 career victories.

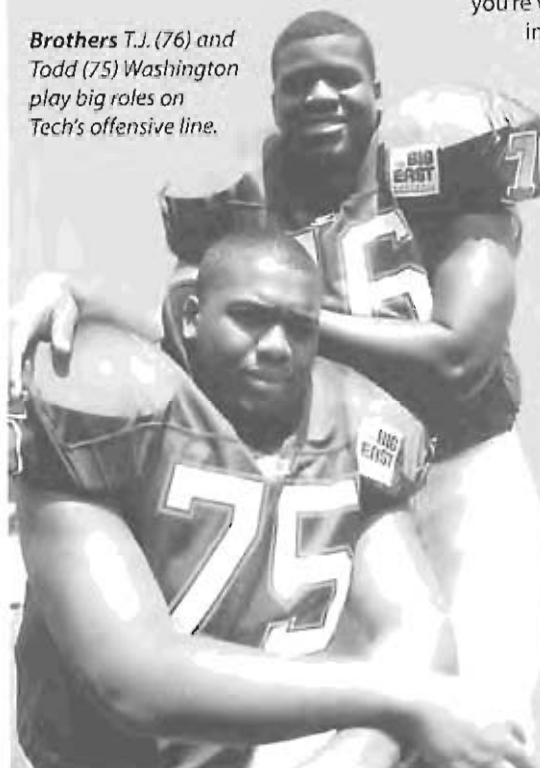
➤ During Tech's season opener at Akron, Beamer coached his 103rd game at Tech, the most by any football coach. With the completion of the 1996 regular season, Beamer has joined Jerry Claiborne and Frank Moseley as the only gridiron coaches to spend a decade at the Hokie helm. Both Claiborne and Moseley ended their Tech careers after 10 seasons.

## The Big Guys

➤ The best way to describe Virginia Tech's 1996 offensive line is big. How big? Try 313, 313, 308, 298 and 295 for starters. That's an average of 305 pounds per man with senior tackles T.J. Washington (Melfa, Va.) and Jay Hagood (Easley, S.C.) leading the way at 313 pounds, followed by junior guard Todd Washington (Melfa, Va.), senior center Billy Conaty (Pennsauken, N.J.) and junior guard Gennaro DiNapoli (Cazenovia, N.Y.). If you throw in senior starting tight end Bryan Jennings (Forest, Va.) at a mere 254 pounds, it drops the average to a measly 297. If you're wondering about the second team

interior line, which is made up of three sophomores, a junior and a senior, they're still trying to catch up at an average weight of 293 pounds a man.

*Brothers T.J. (76) and Todd (75) Washington play big roles on Tech's offensive line.*



➤ Four of the five starters along the interior offensive line have earned honors in the strength and conditioning program since the end of the 1995 season. Center Billy Conaty was named a Super Iron Hokie, while guards Todd Washington and Gennaro DiNapoli and tackle T.J. Washington earned Iron Hokie recognition. Todd Washington, along with brother T.J. and DiNapoli turned in the top back squats on the team during preseason testing. Todd led the way at 670 pounds with T.J. and DiNapoli tied for second with squats of 645 pounds.

## Backfield in Motion

During the regular season, Tech got 1,938 yards rushing and 22 touchdowns on 351 carries from its tailback position. That's an average of 176 yards and two touchdowns per game and 5.5 yards per carry. Those are pretty good numbers considering starter Ken Oxendine (Chester, Va.) missed two-plus games and No. 2 man Marcus Parker (Roanoke, Va.) did not play in the first four games. During their absence, freshman Shyrone Stith (Chesapeake, Va.) handled the bulk of the duties with help from Marcus Gildersleeve (Clarksville, Tenn.). The 1996 tailback corps has drawn comparisons to the 1983 running back group that first earned the nickname "The Stallions" for their running ability. That group included tailbacks Otis Copeland, Maurice Williams, Eddie Hunter, Desmar Becton and Ricky Bailey. The '83 tailbacks combined for 194.8 yards a game, 21 TDs and a per-carry average of 5.7. They piled up a total of 2,143 yards rushing.

## Smart as a Whip

Senior whip linebacker Brandon Semones (Salem, Va.) has posted some pretty impressive numbers for the Hokies, both in the classroom and on the field. The marketing education major is the top-ranked student in his department and rates among the top 10 percent in both his college and the university. Semones has been named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll (3.0 GPA or above) all six of his semesters at Tech and has made the Dean's List (3.4 or above) four times. He was selected to the District III GTE Academic All-America team in November. On the football field, Semones is among the cream of the BIG EAST crop at outside linebacker. He has earned second-team All-BIG EAST Football Conference honors as both a junior and a senior. The 6-0, 202-pound linebacker is Tech's leading tackler this season with 88, including 57 primary hits. He also shares the team lead in total tackles behind the line of scrimmage with 13, including five quarterback sacks. Semones enjoyed one of his best outings of the season at Boston College when he posted nine unassisted tackles, three assists and two quarterback sacks for minus 30 yards. Against Virginia, he registered nine tackles and caused a key interception to earn BIG EAST Football Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors. The Virginia game marked Semones' 35th consecutive start. During that span, he has posted over 270 tackles.



## Tough Defender

Tech cornerback Loren Johnson (12) tied for the BIG EAST Conference lead in passes broken up with 14. Here he celebrates an interception.

## Paying Dividends

A group of former walk-ons who earned scholarships have paid big dividends for the Hokies this season. Ends Danny Wheel (Williamsburg, Va.) and John Engelberger (Springfield, Va.), tackle Kerwin Hairston (Martinsville, Va.) and linebacker Steve Tate (North Canton, Ohio) each made at least six starts for Tech's defensive unit during the regular season. On the other side of the ball, split end Michael Stuewe (Somerset, N.J.) made his mark as one of the team's top receivers. Wheel finished the regular season with 51 tackles in his seven starts and was second on the team in quarterback hurries with 15. Engelberger ranked fifth in total tackles (64), tied for second in sacks (6) and third in quarterback hurries (11). Hairston, who had starts at both tackle positions during the regular season, finished with 52 tackles, five sacks and seven hurries. Tate posted 60 tackles and three passes broken up in his six starts at the mike linebacking position. Stuewe closed out regular-season play with a team-leading five touchdown catches. He was third on the Tech team in both pass receptions (25) and receiving yards (385). Engelberger, a redshirt freshman, is the youngest of the five players. The other four are all redshirt juniors.

## Blockbusters

Tech blocked a total of six kicks during the 1996 regular season, blocking an extra point attempt at Akron, a punt at Boston College, a punt at Syracuse, a punt against Temple and two punts versus Southwestern Louisiana. Last year's Tech squad blocked eight kicks, the most in Frank Beamer's 10 seasons as the head coach. The previous single-season best for blocks under Beamer was seven in 1988 when the Hokies blocked four punts and three field goals. Tech had six blocks in 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993. Tech now has 54 blocks in Beamer's 113 games as the coach. Tech has blocked 26 punts, 15 FGs and 13 PATs.

Keion Carpenter (Baltimore, Md.) accounted for three of Tech's five blocked punts during the season. Tech's top punt blocker under Beamer has been Archie Hopkins, who had four career blocked punts from 1988 through 1990. The most prolific kick blocker under Beamer to date has been defensive lineman Bernard Basham, who accounted for six blocks (three FGs, three PATs) during his Tech career.

## Center of Consistency

With a start against Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, senior center Billy Conaty (Pennsauken, N.J.) can establish new school records for starts and consecutive starts. He is currently tied for the records with former teammate Chris Malone, who started 47 consecutive games at guard from 1992 through 1995. Conaty has started every game of his Tech career, including 12 games at tackle his freshman season.



## A Member of the Club

When senior Brian Edmonds (Blackstone, Va.) rushed for 60 yards on 12 carries against Pittsburgh, he became just the fifth fullback in Tech history to rush for 1,000 yards during his career. Edmonds now has 1,125 career rushing yards. The other four Tech fullbacks who have reached the 1,000-yard plateau are: Paul Adams (1972-76) 1,984; Sonny Utz (1962-64) 1,605; Mickey Fitzgerald (1976-79) 1,449; and Phil Bryant (1988-91) 1,248.

## Record Setting Kicker

☛ Freshman kicker Shayne Graham (Dublin, Va.) set a BIG EAST Football Conference single-game record for points by kicking with 17 against the University of Southwestern Louisiana. The old record of 15 points was set less than an hour earlier in the day by Miami's Andy Crosland, who had three field goals and six PATs against Temple. Graham



just missed tying the Tech school mark of 18 points set by Mickey Thomas against Vanderbilt in 1989. Graham connected on 4 of 5 field goals versus USL and was a perfect 5-for-5 in extra point kicks. He made field goals from 20, 19, 25 and 32 yards and missed on a 37-yard attempt. His four successful field goals tied the BIG EAST mark for field goals made in a game which is shared by three players, including former Tech kickers Ryan Williams and Atle Larsen.

## One For the Books

☛ Sophomore Keion Carpenter (Baltimore, Md.) put himself in the Virginia Tech, BIG EAST, and NCAA record books when he picked off a Miami pass at the goal line and returned it 100 yards for a touchdown that added the exclamation point to a 21-7 Tech win in the Orange Bowl. Carpenter's interception came with just 1:54 remaining in the game and the Hurricanes driving for a potential game-tying touchdown.

## Finishing With a Flourish

☛ Split end Cornelius White (Pennel, Pa.) hauled in 11 passes during Tech's last two games of the season to move into ninth place on the Hokies' career receiving list. White had personal-bests for catches (30) and yardage (449) this year to improve his career totals to 78 receptions for 1,114 yards.

## Getting Noticed

☛ Tight end Bryan Jennings (Forest, Va.) only had 12 pass receptions during the regular season, but he didn't need to catch many passes to get noticed. Earlier in the season, The Sporting News rated the 6-4, 254-pound senior the No. 2 tight end prospect for this year's NFL draft. Following the regular-season finale against Virginia, the BIG EAST Football Conference coaches voted him first-team tight end on the All-BIG EAST squad. The former Parade All-American became a major contributor for the Hokies last season when he was on the

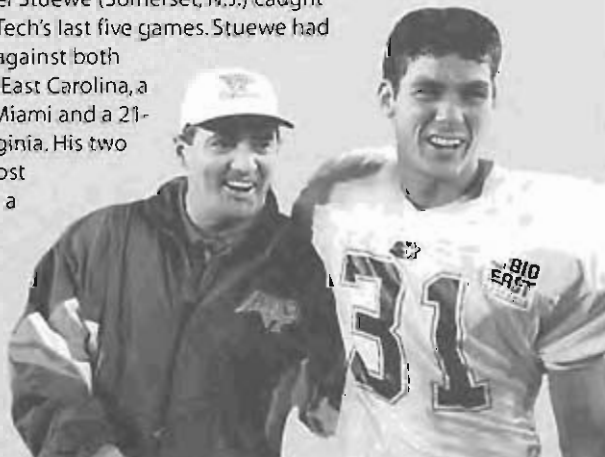
receiving end of 17 passes for 244 yards and one touchdown. He also caught a personal-best six passes for 77 yards in Tech's win over Texas in the 1995 Sugar Bowl. His 12 catches this season netted 159 yards and two TDs.

## Record Airtime

☛ The Virginia game marked Tech's eighth television appearance of 1996 — a school record for football games televised in a season. During the regular season the Hokies appeared on ESPN (Boston College), CBS (Syracuse, Miami, Virginia), the BIG EAST Network (Rutgers, Pitt) and ESPN2 (East Carolina, West Virginia). The Hokies made seven TV appearances during the 1995 season.

## Déjà Vu

☛ Junior receiver Michael Stuewe (Somerset, N.J.) caught a touchdown pass in four of Tech's last five games. Stuewe had 65-yard touchdown catches against both Southwestern Louisiana and East Carolina, a diving 13-yard grab against Miami and a 21-yard scoring catch versus Virginia. His two 65-yard receptions were almost identical, with Stuewe taking a short pass from quarterback Jim Druckenmiller, spinning out of a defender's grasp and dashing down the sideline to the end zone. Stuewe led the Hokies in touchdown receptions this season with five.



## Hokies Hot Against Ranked Teams

☛ Tech has beaten the last seven nationally ranked teams it has played. That includes Tech's last three victories, over Virginia (20 AP/21 coaches), West Virginia (23/21) and Miami (18/18). Tech beat four nationally ranked teams in 1995, including Miami (17/17), Syracuse (20/15) and Virginia (13/12) during the regular season, and Texas (9/6) in the Nokia Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

## Offensive Machine

☛ In the 35 games that Rickey Bustle has been Tech's offensive coordinator, including two bowl appearances, the Hokies have averaged 32.6 points and 411.3 yards of offense per game. During that time, Tech has rushed for 7,432 yards and 79 touchdowns and passed for 6,962 yards and 55 TDs. Tech's offense has averaged 20 first downs a game and completed 55 percent of its passes. Bustle assumed the duties of offensive coordinator in 1993. He spent the 1994 season handling the same job for South Carolina before returning to his position at Tech prior to the 1995 season.

## Not Only the Offense Can Score

☛ Tech's defense and special teams have combined for 19 touchdowns over the Hokies' last 38 games. During that span, Tech has returned seven fumbles for TDs, along with six interceptions, three blocked punts, two punts and one blocked field goal. Eight of the Hokies' defensive TDs have come in their last 17 games.

## Roaring Twenties

☛ The Hokies have scored 20 or more points in a school-record 17 consecutive games.





### Strongman Winner

Senior defensive tackle Waverly Jackson won the Tech football team's Strongman competition held this past summer.

### Strangle Hold

• Tech held opponents to seven points or less in 40 of their 44 quarters of play during the regular season. The Syracuse Orangemen scored 17 points in the second quarter and 21 in the fourth period of their 52-21 victory over the Hokies. A safety gave Akron eight points in the first quarter of Tech's season opener, while Southwestern Louisiana posted nine in the first quarter of a 47-16 Tech victory.

### Only the Orange

• Syracuse is the only team to score more than two touchdowns against Tech this season. The Orangemen scored seven of the 21 touchdowns the Hokies have allowed.

### Letting the Ox Run

• Ken Oxendine (Chester, Va.) has four career rushing touchdowns of 50 or more yards, the most for a Tech player since quarterback Bob Schweickert posted four from 1962-64.

### Aggressive Defense

• The Tech defense has registered 177 tackles behind the line of scrimmage during the Hokies' last 19 games. That figure includes 83 quarterback sacks. During the 19-game stretch, 28 different players have contributed tackles behind the line, including 23 of the 24 players who have drawn starts during that span.

### Record Punt Block Return

• Senior Cornelius White (Pennndal, Pa.) blocked a punt and returned it 60 yards for a touchdown against Syracuse. White's return was the longest blocked punt return on record at Tech during the last 45 seasons. It marked the eighth time the Hokies have scored a touchdown on a blocked punt since Frank Beamer took over as the head coach in 1987.

### Big Jim

• Jim Druckenmiller (Northampton, Pa.) paid his dues on the way to the Hokies' starting quarterback job in 1995. Druckenmiller entered Tech in January 1992, redshirted the following year (1992-93) and spent two seasons as a backup before earning his first start against Boston College in last year's season opener. After going 0-2 in his first two starts, he has quarterbacked the Hokies to 20 wins in their last 21 games and the two most successful seasons in school football history. During those two years, Druckenmiller ...

• Registered the most passing yards (296) and total offense (291) ever for a Tech quarterback making his first start;

• Became just the fifth Tech QB to pass for 300 yards or more in a game and only the second to pass for 2,000 yards in his first year as a starter;

• Threw 14 touchdown passes, the most ever for any Tech quarterback in his first season as a starter;

• Joined Don Strock and Erik Chapman as the only Tech quarterbacks to pass for 1,000 yards during their first six starts;

• Led the Hokies to their first-ever wins against the University of Miami;

• Broke every school weightlifting record for a quarterback and equalled the team mark for all players in the hang clean with a lift of 405 pounds;

• Helped Tech to its first-ever BIG EAST Football Conference championship and back-to-back conference titles in football for the first time ever;

• Led the Hokies to a school-record 13 consecutive victories, including a record 10 straight wins in a single season;

• Guided Tech to 10 regular-season wins for the first time ever;

• Threw at least one touchdown pass in a school record 12 consecutive games;

• Completed more passes of 70 yards or more (5) than any other Tech quarterback;

• Led the BIG EAST in total offense and was named the league's Co-Offensive Player of the Year;

• Moved into third place in career touchdown passes at Tech (34), fourth place in career passing yardage (4,383) and fifth place in career total offense (4,634);

• Quarterback the Hokies to their first-ever Alliance Bowl and back-to-back appearances in the Sugar and Orange bowls.

## 1996 Start Chart

### Pos. Offense (starts)

SE	Cornelius White (11)
LT	Jay Hagood (11)
LG	Todd Washington (11)
C	Billy Conaty (11)
RG	Gennaro DiNapoli (11)
RT	T.J. Washington (11)
TE	Bryan Jennings (11)
QB	Jim Druckenmiller (11)
FB	Brian Edmonds (10), Shelly Ellison (1)
TB	Ken Oxendine (9), Shyrone Stith (2)
FL	Shawn Scales (11)

### Pos. Defense (starts)

E	Cornell Brown (8), Danny Wheel (2), Jason Berish (1)
T	Waverly Jackson (10), Kerwin Hairston (1)
T	Kerwin Hairston (7), Brad Baylor (4)
E	John Engelberger (6), Danny Wheel (5)
LB	Brandon Semones (11)
LB	Steve Tate (6), Tony Morrison (5)
LB	Myron Newsome (10), Jamel Smith (1)
LC	Loren Johnson (11)
FS	Torrian Gray (11)
ROV	Pierson Prioleau (11)
RC	Antonio Banks (9), Anthony Midgett (2)



# ALL-STAR Hokies

## All-American Defensive End Cornell Brown

Although he missed three games following arthroscopic knee surgery, Brown again has been a powerful force for an outstanding Virginia Tech team. He was a repeat All-American on the Walter Camp team. He was a

consensus All-American in 1995 and BIG EAST Conference Defensive Player of the Year. *Football News* picked him National Defensive Player of the Year.

This season, Brown was one of four finalists in the running for the Lombardi Trophy. In eight games, Brown has 58 tackles, including eight quarterback sacks and five other tackles for losses. He hurried the quarterback 19 times. He is Virginia Tech's best defender since Bruce Smith sacked everyone in sight and won the Outland Trophy in 1984.



6-2, 246, Sr., Lynchburg, Va.

### 1995 Honors

- ★ Associated Press All-America, first team
- ★ UPI All-America, first team
- ★ Football Writers' Association All-America, first team
- ★ *Football News* All-America, first team
- ★ *Football News* National Defensive Player of the Year
- ★ BIG EAST Conference Defensive Player of the Year
- ★ All-BIG EAST Conference, first team

### 1996 Honors

- ★ Walter Camp All-America, first team
- ★ Associated Press All-America, second team
- ★ All-BIG EAST Conference, first team
- ★ Final four for the Lombardi Award

## BIG EAST Co-Offensive Player of the Year Jim Druckenmiller

Meet Jim Druckenmiller, The BIG EAST Football Conference Co-Offensive Player of the Year. He shared the honor with Syracuse quarterback Donovan McNabb. Druckenmiller has directed Virginia Tech to 20 wins in its last

21 games. During the regular season, Druckenmiller completed 142 of 250 passes for 2,071 yards and 17 touchdowns. He is a tremendously strong quarterback, maybe the strongest in the college game. Coach Frank Beamer says he reminds him of Jim Kelly. "When the going gets tough, that is when Jim Druckenmiller is at his best," Beamer says. "He's a winner."



6-4, 224, Sr., Northampton, Pa.



Quarterback Jim Druckenmiller shows his strength in the weight room.



## BIG EAST Coach of the Year Frank Beamer

For the second straight season, Frank Beamer has been selected by his coaching peers as The BIG EAST Football Conference Coach of the Year. A veteran of 10 years at the Tech helm, Beamer currently has directed the Hokies to 20 wins in the last 21 games. His Hokies won the BIG EAST championship outright in 1995 and tied Syracuse and Miami for the title this campaign. This year's Tech team set a new school record by winning 10 games during the regular season. Beamer now has piloted the Hokies to two Alliance Bowl berths. The Hokies beat Texas, 28-10, in the Sugar Bowl last season.



## Other First-Team All-BIG EAST Selections

The Sporting News First Team All-American



Center

**Billy Conaty**

6-3, 298, Sr., Pennsauken, N.J.

Tech coaches compare Conaty to Jim Pyne who was college football's unanimous All-America center in 1993. Conaty is the center of attention on an offensive line that overwhelms most Tech opponents. In the Hokies' outing against a powerful East Carolina team, the Tech offense piled up 591 yards in total offense and won, 35-14. He helped Tech gain 365 yards against West Virginia, the most given up by the defense-minded Mountaineers this season. He is a smart player who has a big pro future ahead of him.

The Sporting News All-Freshman team



Kicker

**Shayne Graham**

5-11, 185, Fr., Dublin, Va.

In his first season as the Hokies' kicker, Graham set a BIG EAST Football Conference single-game record for points by kicking with 17 against the University of Southwestern Louisiana. Graham connected on four of five field goals and was a perfect five for five in extra point kicks against USL. On the season, Graham is 10 of 16 on field goals and a perfect 39 of 39 on extra point attempts for 69 total points. He is a cool customer.

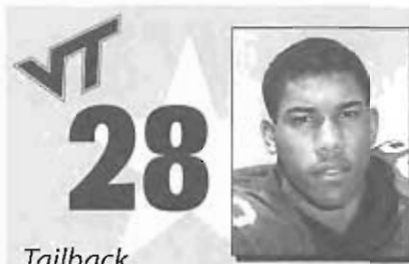


Tight End

**Bryan Jennings**

6-4, 254, Sr., Forest, Va.

Here's a player who really has caught the eyes of pro scouts. He is regarded as one of the best blockers on the Virginia Tech team. Against East Carolina, Jennings helped open the holes as Tech piled up 591 yards in total offense. In the Hokies' 21-7 win over Miami, Jennings caught one pass for 21 yards and helped the Tech offense roll up 322 yards. Although Jennings has only 12 pass catches for 159 yards, coaches say he has excellent hands and quickness for a man his size.



Tailback

**Ken Oxendine**

6-1, 225, Jr., Chester, Va.

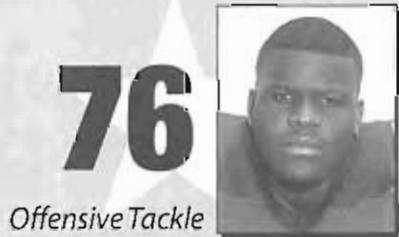
Despite missing early-season games due to a shoulder injury, Oxendine scored 13 touchdowns in nine games to lead the BIG EAST in scoring with 78 points. During his last six games, Oxendine rushed for 706 yards, including a career-high 163 yards versus Temple and 140 yards against Southwestern Louisiana. He has a total of 890 rushing yards and averages 5.9 yards a carry. He was the BIG EAST's second-leading rusher averaging 98.9 yards rushing per game.

## Second-Team All-BIG EAST



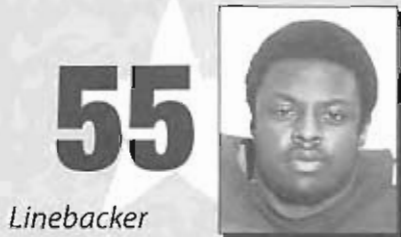
Offensive Tackle

**Jay Hagood**



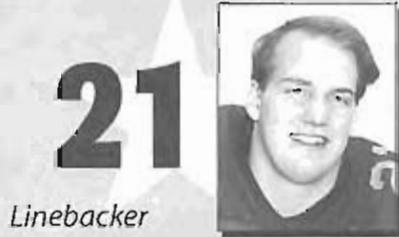
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**T. J. Washington**



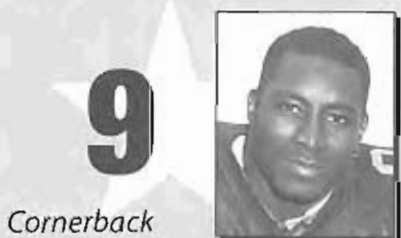
Linebacker

**Myron Newsome**



Linebacker

**Brandon Semones**



Cornerback

**Antonio Banks**



Free Safety

**Torrian Gray**



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## Antonio Banks

CB • 5-10 • 195 • Sr. • 4VL  
Newport News, Va.

Led the team with four interceptions despite missing most of Tech's last three games with a groin injury ... Played as well as

anyone on the team during the Hokies' first eight games, earning second-team All-BIG EAST honors in the process ... Is expected back for the Orange Bowl ... Has started at free safety and both cornerback spots during his college career ... **1996:** Posted 10 tackles in Tech's opener against Akron and had a career-high 12 tackles at Syracuse ... Registered an interception in consecutive games against Temple, Pitt and Southwestern Louisiana ... Also had a pick against Boston College ... Started the first eight games at boundary corner before being injured in the first half of the East Carolina game ... Tried to return to action against Virginia, but played just 14 snaps before leaving the game ... Finished the season with 49 total tackles, including 31 unassisted ... Also saw action on kickoff returns with nine for 171 yards ... **1995:** Started the first two games of the season before injuring his left knee in practice prior to the Miami game ... Underwent arthroscopic surgery and was sidelined three weeks ... Saw brief action against Akron, then averaged 48 snaps over the team's last five outings ... Assured a win over Virginia by returning an interception 65 yards for a touchdown on the game's last play ... Started against Texas in the Sugar Bowl and registered six tackles ... **1994:** Started all 11 regular season games at free safety ... Led the secondary in tackles with 77 and was fifth overall on the team ... Posted 11 primary hits versus Miami and Southern Miss ... Started at cornerback in the Gator Bowl ... Was in on four tackles, including a quarterback sack for a 4-yard loss ... **1993:** Moved to free safety at the beginning of preseason practice and won the starting job ... Started nine regular-season games, plus the Independence Bowl ... Finished seventh on the team in tackles with 44 and intercepted three passes ... Picked third-team freshman All-America by *Football News* ... Helped break open the Independence Bowl game when he returned a blocked field goal 80 yards for a TD on the last play of the first half ... Also contributed an interception, a fumble recovery and nine tackles on the way to Defensive MVP honors in the Tech victory over Indiana ... **1992:** Completed rehabilitation from knee surgery during the fall and entered Tech in January, 1993 ... Worked at right corner during spring drills ... **High School:** Had five interceptions and 75 tackles his junior year for Warwick High ... Suffered a knee injury in the ninth game of his senior season and underwent surgery ... Picked off 12 passes in his high school career ... **Personal:** Antonio Dontral Banks ... Born 3/12/73 in Ivor, Va. ... Son of Glenda Banks ... Enrolled in physical education.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1992	10	37	7	44	1-1	0
1993	11	53	24	77	0-0	0
1994	8	15	4	19	1-2	0
1995	9	31	18	49	1-1	0
Total	38	136	53	189	3-4	0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1993	10	3	22	7.3	0	21
1994	11	0	0	0	0	0
1995	8	1	65	65.0	1	65
1996	9	4	63	15.8	0	45
Total	38	8	150	18.8	1	65



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## Jason Berish

DE • 6-3 • 224 • Fr.-So. • 2VL  
McMurry, Pa.

Saw his first action at defensive end in 1996 after working at the inside linebacking positions during his first two years at

Tech ... Is No. 2 on the depth chart behind Cornell Brown ... Got his first collegiate start against East Carolina and showed excellent promise ... Has good speed and size ... Also contributes on special teams ... **1996:** Registered his first collegiate sack in the Boston College game ... Added another sack versus Temple ... Made the most of a start against ECU, posting eight tackles, a sack, another tackle behind the line, a pass deflection and a QB hurry ... Played a personal-best 48 defensive snaps in that game ... Saw action in a total of nine games, including five at end ... Finished with 19 tackles and three sacks ... **1995:** Saw action in eight games on special teams ... Contributed seven tackles on coverage teams, including three versus Virginia ... Opened spring practice at linebacker ... Suffered a shoulder injury before he could be moved to end ... **1994:** Worked at the backer position while redshirting ... **High School:** Had 142 tackles including six sacks his senior year at Peters Township High for Coach Garry Cathell ... **Personal:** Jason Robert Berish ... Born 12/23/75 in Waynesburg, Pa. ... Son of Bud Berish and Debbie Roth ... Majoring in biology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1995	8	4	3	7	0-0	0-0
1996	9	11	8	19	1-3	3-16
Total	17	15	11	26	1-3	3-16



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## Carl Bradley

DT • 6-2 • 261 • Fr. • 1VL  
Lynchburg, Va.

Was pressed into action midway through the season when injuries depleted the defensive

line's depth ... Got some valuable playing experience ... Has the talent to earn a lot more playing time in the future ... **1996:** Joined the varsity squad for the Temple game and saw action on 26 plays ... Contributed four tackles, including one behind the line of scrimmage ... Got playing time in each of the last seven games of the season ... Had a season-high 28 plays against West Virginia and posted two tackles and a quarterback hurry ...

Averaged 15 snaps a game and posted a total of eight tackles and four hurries ... **High School:** A three-year starter as a defensive tackle and offensive lineman for Coach Bo Henson at E.C. Glass ... Registered 145 tackles and 17 quarterback sacks as a senior ... **Personal:** Carl D. Bradley ... Born 2/22/78 ... Son of Bernadine Bradley ... Enrolled in family and child development.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1996	7	1	7	8	1-1	0



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## Cornell Brown

DE • 6-2 • 246 • Sr. • 4VL  
Lynchburg, Va.

Was one of the four finalists for the 1996 Lombardi Award ... Would likely have been a consensus All-American

for the second straight year if he had not missed three games ... Still earned first-team honors on the 1996 Walter Camp All-America team, second-team honors on The Associated Press team and was a first-team All-BIG EAST pick for the second straight year ... His 36 career sacks are second only to Bruce Smith (46) at Tech ... Has nine tackles behind the line in bowl games, including five sacks ... **1996:** Opened the season with two sacks, two additional tackles behind the line, five hurries and 10 total tackles against Akron ... Posted 10 tackles and two more sacks against Rutgers ... Underwent arthroscopic surgery to his left knee after the Syracuse game and missed games against Temple and Pitt ... Returned to the lineup against Southwestern Louisiana ... Was suspended for the East Carolina game ... Registered three sacks against West Virginia for the third straight year ... Also picked off a pitchout on a reverse against WVU ... Led the team in sacks with eight and tied for the lead in total tackles behind the line with 13 ... Contributed 58 total tackles ... **1995:** Finished the season as the most honored junior in Tech football history ... Was named the national Defensive Player of the Year by *Football News* and was one of the five finalists for the *Football Writers' Defensive Player of the Year* award ... Became the first Tech junior ever to earn consensus All-America honors ... Led the BIG EAST Football Conference in quarterback sacks with 14 and was voted the league's defensive player of the year ... Finished third among Division I-A players in both sacks and total tackles behind the line of scrimmage (25) ... Added four more tackles behind the line, including three sacks, in Tech's Sugar Bowl win over Texas ... His 103 tackles were the most for a Tech defensive end since tackling statistics first became official at the school in 1977 ... Also had 48 quarterback pressures ... Was in on a career-high 16 tackles against Navy, including three sacks ... Also had three sacks in back-to-back games against West Virginia and Syracuse ... **1994:** Finished fourth on the team in tackles with 84 and was the team leader in sacks (11) and tackles for loss (9) ... Also topped the squad



in quarterback pressures with 35 ... Started every game ... Earned second-team All-BIG EAST honors ... **1993:** Started 10 games, including the Independence Bowl game against Indiana ... Got more snaps (681) than any other defensive lineman ... Finished fifth on the team in tackles with 57 ... Registered a team-high 24 quarterback pressures to go with three sacks and four other tackles behind the line ... Earned second-team freshman All-America honors from *Football News* ... **High School:** A *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep* All-American ... Registered 345 tackles and 43 quarterback sacks during his career at E.C. Glass, where he played for Coach Bo Henson ... **Personal:** Cornell Desmond Brown ... Born 3/15/75 in New Jersey ... Son of Reuben L. and Oglessa Brown ... His older brother Reuben is an offensive lineman for the Buffalo Bills ... Enrolled in housing, interior design and resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1993	11	33	24	57	4- 8	3- 24
1994	11	46	38	84	9- 32	11- 84
1995	11	53	50	103	11- 28	14-114
1996	8	32	26	58	5- 12	8- 45
Total	41	164	138	302	29- 80	36-267



## 1 Keion Carpenter

FS • 6-0 • 199 • So. • 2VL  
Baltimore, Md.

Turned in one of the biggest plays of the season when he returned an interception 100 yards for a touchdown to preserve

Tech's 21-7 win at Miami ... Made most of his contributions on special teams early in the year, blocking three punts ... Developed into a key member of the secondary during the last half of the season ... **1996:** Bounced back strong from knee surgery to win the No. 2 free safety job ... Played in every game ... Saw action at safety in seven games, including a career-high 40 snaps against West Virginia ... Registered five tackles in games versus WVU and Pitt ... Blocked punts against Boston College, Temple and Southwestern Louisiana ... Stopped a potential game-tying drive by Miami at the 1:54 mark with his school-record 100-yard interception return ... **1995:** Was in for over 100 plays on special teams and lettered ... Saw his only action in the secondary against Akron ... Underwent reconstructive surgery to his left knee after the season ... **High School:** Played quarterback in a wishbone offense and free safety at Woodlawn High for Coach Brian Scriven ... Intercepted seven passes in 1994 ... **Personal:** Keion Eric Carpenter ... Born 10/31/77 in Baltimore, MD ... Son of William and Teresa Harris ... Enrolled in housing, interior design and resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1995	11	5	4	9	0-0	0
1996	11	13	5	18	0-0	0
Total	22	18	9	27	0-0	0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1995	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
1996	11	1	100	-	1	100
Total	22	1	100	-	1	100



## 5 Al Clark

QB • 6-1 • 197 • r-So. • 1VL  
Washington, D.C.

A talented young player who has served as Jim Druckenmiller's backup the past two seasons ... Is capable of assuming the

reins at quarterback and winning if called on ... Combines good passing skills with outstanding ability as a runner ... **1996:** Got brief work in each of the first five games of the season, as well as the Southwestern Louisiana game ... Had a season-high 17 snaps in the Temple game ... Completed a 12-yard pass in the Boston College game ... **1995:** Saw action in six games ... Took a season-high 37 snaps against Akron ... Carried the ball six times for 120 yards against the Zips, posting touchdown runs of 48 and 58 yards ... Completed six of nine passes for 57 yards against Akron and hit on four of seven attempts versus Cincinnati for 27 yards ... **1994:** Traveled with the team while being redshirted ... Battled for the starting quarterback job during spring practice before being sidelined by a sprained right ankle ... **Prep School:** Played at Fork Union Military Academy for Coach John Shuman in 1993 ... Voted FUMA's MVP after leading the team to an 8-2-1 record ... Threw 15 TD passes and four interceptions ... **High School:** Starred at Archbishop Carroll for Coach Sam Taylor ... Named the All-Metro quarterback by *The Washington Post* ... Set a school record by throwing for 1,876 yards his senior year ... **Personal:** Albert Francis Clark ... Born 2/17/75 in Washington, DC ... Son of Eugene Clark and Alfreda Clark ... Studying human resources.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1995	6	14	148	10.6	2	58
1996	6	8	8	1.0	0	8
Total	12	22	156	7.1	2	58

Passing	G	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
1995	6	16-10	62.5	84	0	0
1996	6	5-1	20.0	12	0	1
Total	12	21-11	53.4	96	0	1



## 61 Billy Conaty

C • 6-3 • 298 • r-Sr. • 4VL  
Pennsauken, N.J.

A first-team All-America pick by *The Sporting News* ... Has started all 47 games of his Tech career and can set an all-time school

record for starts and consecutive starts against Nebraska in the Orange Bowl ... Broke both of his ankles during the course of the 1995-96 school year, but never missed a game ... One of the top centers in the college game ... **1996:** Earned first-team All-BIG EAST honors ... Saw action on 98 percent of Tech's offensive plays ... Graded a winning percentage in nine of the 11 games ... Led the team with 65 knockdown blocks ... **1995:** Started every game and saw action on 89 percent of the Hokies' offensive snaps ... Voted second-team All-BIG EAST

by the league's coaches ... Was a first-team All-BIG EAST pick by *Football News* ... Graded a winning percentage in 10 regular-season games and was the top-rated lineman in four of those contests ... Led the team in knockdown blocks ... Broke his right ankle in the Virginia game ... Underwent surgery in November and returned in time to start against Texas in the Sugar Bowl ... Suffered a broken left ankle on the first day of spring practice ... **1994:** Averaged nearly 70 offensive snaps per game ... Handled deep snapping chores for the first three games before turning them over to Tim Wade ... Played every snap on offense in four games ... **1993:** Won the starting split tackle job during the preseason ... Started every game and played over 80 percent of the Hokies' offensive snaps ... Earned second-team freshman All-America honors from *Football News* ... Underwent arthroscopic knee surgery after spring practice ... **1992:** Worked at center and guard early in the year ... Dressed for several games before taking a redshirt year ... Moved to tackle during the spring ... **1991:** Started classes in January 1992 after attending Milford (Conn.) Academy in the fall ... Went through spring practice working at center ... **Prep School:** One of six players from Milford Academy to receive football scholarships to Division I-A schools ... Played center and also excelled as a deep snapper for head coach Joe Bevino ... **High School:** Earned all-conference, all-parochial south and all-south New Jersey honors during his senior year at Camden Catholic ... Lettered three seasons as a center for Coach Bill Atkisson ... **Personal:** William Buckley Conaty ... Born 3/8/73 in Baltimore, MD ... Son of William and Barbara Conaty ... Enrolled in liberal arts and sciences.



## 13 James Crawford

FL • 6-2 • 205 • r-So. • 1VL  
Blacksburg, Va.

Moved into the No. 2 flanker spot midway through the season ... Saw increased playing time as the season progressed ...

Has good size, speed and blocking ability ... Can catch the ball across the middle ... **1996:** Saw some playing time in every game ... Posted career-highs with three catches for 59 yards against East Carolina ... Also had a 6-yard reception at Miami ... Played 21 snaps against both West Virginia and Virginia ... Finished with four catches for 65 yards ... **1995:** Saw limited action in nine games as a special teams player and reserve receiver ... Played a season-high 30 snaps on offense against Akron ... Caught a 9-yard pass against the Zips ... **1994:** Got a brief look at free safety, then moved to split end and was redshirted ... **High School:** Played his junior and senior years at Deerfield High in Deerfield Beach, Fla., where he was a wide receiver for Coach Kevin Sullivan ... **Personal:** James LaDale Crawford ... Born 1/29/76 in Concord, MA ... Son of James E. Crawford and Terrilyn Smith ... Guardian is Zina Mahoney ... Enrolled in university studies.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1995	9	1	9	9.0	0	9
1996	11	4	65	16.3	0	23
Total	20	5	74	14.8	0	23

## PLAYER PROFILES



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### Gennaro DiNapoli

OG • 6-3 • 295 • Jr. • 3VL  
Cazenovia, N.Y.

Has developed into an outstanding offensive guard during the past two seasons ... Graded over 80 percent in each of Tech's

last seven games of the season ... Came to Tech as a tight end ... **1996:** Started every game at right guard and played on 88 percent of the team's offensive snaps ... Earned a winning percentage in nine of 11 games ... Contributed six knockdowns against Virginia and four versus Miami ... Averaged just over 60 snaps per game ... **1995:** Began practice working at left tackle ... Switched to left guard prior to the Cincinnati game ... Moved into the starting lineup at right guard for the Navy game and started Tech's last eight games, including the Sugar Bowl ... Graded a winning percentage in all eight starts ... **1994:** Saw action on just 16 plays at left guard during the first five games of the season ... Filled in on 73 plays against Temple and was called on to start versus Pittsburgh ... Was in for 58 snaps against the Panthers ... Played in nine of the team's 11 regular season games ... **1993:** Entered school in January of 1994 and went through winter workouts and spring practice ... **Prep School:** Played at Milford (Conn.) Academy for Coach Jeff Bevin in 1993 ... Rated the seventh-best player and the best tight end in New England by *SuperPrep* ... **High School:** Played at Cazenovia Central for Coach Tom Neidl ... Named first-team all-league as tight end and defensive lineman ... **Personal:** Gennaro L. DiNapoli ... Born 5/25/75 in Manhasset, NY ... Son of Vincent and Anna DiNapoli ... Is studying liberal arts and sciences.



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### Jim Druckenmiller

QB • 6-4 • 224 • r-Sr. • 4VL  
Northampton, Pa.

Has emerged as the most successful quarterback in Tech history after helping the Hokies to back-to-back

10-win seasons, the top of the BIG EAST Football Conference and a pair of Alliance Bowls ... Carries a 20-3 record as Tech's starting quarterback, including wins in 20 of his last 21 starts ... Was named Co-Offensive Player of the Year in the BIG EAST along with Syracuse quarterback Donovan McNabb ... Does a great job of running Tech's no-huddle offense ... Can get the football to all areas of the field ... Was intercepted just once in Tech's last seven games of the season ... Has a knack for picking up key yardage as a runner ... Holds every weightlifting record for a Tech QB and won the team's Iron Man title in 1995 ... **1996:** Led the BIG EAST in total offense ... Completed 142 of 250 passes (56.8 percent) for 2,071 yards and 17 touchdowns ... Was intercepted just five times ... Added 205 yards rushing on 74 carries ... Passed for three TDs against East Carolina ... Hit 24 of 37 passes against Rutgers for 282 yards and rushed for a career-high 53 yards on 10 carries ... Connected on 62.9 percent of his passes (61 of 97) during Tech's last four games ... Threw at least one TD pass in every game but the Hokies' loss to Syracuse ... During one stretch had

a completion of 50 yards or more in six consecutive games ... **1995:** Made his first collegiate start in the season opener against Boston College ... Registered the most passing yards (296) and total offense (291) ever for a Tech quarterback making his first start ... Went on to start every game, passing for 2,103 yards and 14 touchdowns ... Completed 151 of 294 passes and was intercepted 11 times ... Hit passes of 73 and 85 yards on the way to a career-high 312 yards passing as Tech rallied for a key win at Pittsburgh ... Had three TD passes against Syracuse ... Caught a 10-yard pass against Virginia ... Marched Tech 71 yards for the game-winning touchdown at UVA ... Capped that drive with a 32-yard scoring pass to Jermaine Holmes with 47 seconds left ... Passed for 266 yards in Tech's Sugar Bowl victory over Texas, completing 18 of 34 attempts ... Threw for one TD in that game and was intercepted once ... **1994:** Saw backup action in six regular season games and the Gator Bowl ... Completed 10 of 20 passes during the season for 75 yards and one touchdown ... Connected on six of eight pass attempts against Tennessee in the Gator Bowl for 97 yards ... Threw a 9-yard TD pass to Bryan Still in that contest ... **1993:** Played in seven games as the Hokies' backup QB ... Completed 10 of 18 passes during the season for 134 yards and two touchdowns ... Connected on seven of nine attempts for 105 yards against Boston College including a 58-yard touchdown pass ... **1992:** Took a redshirt season while becoming more familiar with the Hokies' offensive scheme ... **1991:** Entered school for the second semester and went through winter workouts and spring practice ... Was voted the offensive MVP of the 1992 Maroon-White spring game ... **Prep School:** Spent the 1990 season as a quarterback for Coach John Shuman at Fork Union Military Academy ... **High School:** Passed for 1,040 yards and 11 touchdowns his senior year at Northampton High, where he played for Coach Andy Melosky ... **Personal:** James David Druckenmiller, Jr. ... Born 9/19/72 in Allentown, PA ... Son of James and Susan Druckenmiller ... Majoring in physical education.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1993	7	4	-25	-6.3	0	0
1994	6	4	14	3.5	0	15
1995	11	61	57	0.9	0	16
1996	11	74	205	2.8	0	33
Total	35	143	251	1.8	0	33

Passing	G	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
1993	7	18-10	55.6	134	2	1
1994	6	20-10	50.0	75	1	1
1995	11	294-151	51.4	2103	14	11
1996	11	250-142	56.8	2071	17	5
Total	35	582-313	53.8	4383	34	18



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### Brian Edmonds

FB • 5-10 • 250 • r-Sr. • 4VL  
Blackstone, Va.

Only the fifth fullback in Tech history to rush for over 1,000 yards during his career ... Enjoyed his best overall season in '96 ... A fierce competitor who excels in all phases of the game ... Has started 34 of Tech's last 35 games ... **1996:** Sat out the season opener ... Returned to the lineup with a bang against Boston College, rushing for 45 yards and two touchdowns and catching two

passes for 61 yards ... Rushed for 80 yards and a TD against Rutgers ... Added 60 yards and another touchdown versus Pitt ... Caught a 15-yard TD pass against East Carolina and a 16-yard scoring toss versus Virginia ... Had a career-high five receptions for 79 yards against West Virginia ... Finished the season with 293 yards on the ground and 223 yards receiving ... Caught a total of 15 passes, two for TDs ... Added four rushing touchdowns ... **1995:** Carried the ball 56 times for 215 yards and caught 19 passes for 150 yards ... Scored one touchdown rushing and one receiving ... Caught at least one pass in every game ... Turned a shovel pass into a key 25-yard touchdown against Syracuse ... **1994:** Started every game and averaged 5.3 yards per carry ... Finished third on the team in rushing with 290 yards on 55 carries ... Added five pass receptions for 47 yards ... Scored three touchdowns on the ground and one as a receiver ... Got Tech going against West Virginia with a 33-yard TD burst ... Carried 12 times for 73 yards and a touchdown against Rutgers ... **1993:** Played in every game as the No. 2 fullback ... Rushed for 327 yards and three touchdowns, averaging 5.6 yards per carry ... Contributed a 37-yard touchdown run and a 19-yard TD reception against Boston College ... **1992:** Redshirted as a freshman ... **High School:** Was a three-time all-district and two-time all-region pick during his four seasons as a running back and linebacker at Nottoway High School ... **Personal:** Brian Lamont Edmonds ... Born 6/14/74 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Steve and Shirley Cousar ... Majoring in housing, interior design and resource management.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1993	11	58	327	5.6	3	37
1994	11	55	290	5.3	3	33
1995	11	56	215	3.8	1	20
1996	10	67	293	4.4	4	21
Total	43	236	1125	4.8	11	37

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1993	11	2	28	14.0	1	19
1994	11	5	47	9.4	1	14
1995	11	19	150	7.9	1	27
1996	10	15	223	14.9	2	35
Total	43	41	448	10.9	5	35



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### John Engelberger

DE • 6-4 • 245 • r-Fr. • 1VL  
Springfield, Va.

The top newcomer on the Hokies' defensive unit ... Joined the team as a walk-on tight end a year ago ... Moved to defense and earned a scholarship last spring ... Ended up starting six games at defensive end in '96 ... Finished fifth on the team in tackles and tied for second in quarterback sacks ... **1996:** Contributed six tackles and a pair of sacks against Boston College ... Got his first collegiate start against Temple and registered two more sacks ... Was in on eight tackles and a sack against East Carolina ... Posted a season-high 11 tackles, including a sack, in the Virginia game ... Finished with 64 total tackles, six sacks, 11 QB hurries and a pair of passes batted down ... Also contributed on special teams, blocking a PAT against Akron ... **1995:** Joined the team as a walk-on and was redshirted while working at tight end ... Moved to defensive end for spring ... Was named the team's



top defensive newcomer following spring practice and was rewarded with a scholarship ... **High School:** Lettered two years as a tight end and linebacker at Robert E. Lee High School ... Played for coaches Steve Sengstack and Joe Muskett ... Posted 94 tackles on defense, including three sacks ... **Personal:** John Albert Engelberger ... Born 10/18/76 in Heidelberg, Germany ... Son of Charles and Ann Engelberger ... Is studying sociology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1996	11	33	31	64	1-1	6-40



**17**

## Shayne Graham

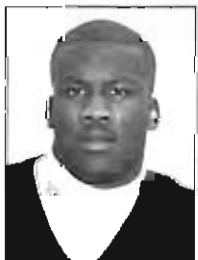
PK • 5-11 • 185 • Fr. • TVL  
Dublin, Va.

Won the starting place-kicking duties during preseason practice ... Went on to earn first-team All-BIG EAST and

freshman All-America honors in his first collegiate season ... His 69 points for the season represent the second highest single-season total for a Tech freshman ... Finished as the No. 3 scorer in the BIG EAST Football Conference with an average of 6.9 points per game ... Missed the Virginia game with sore back, but is expected back for the Orange Bowl game with Nebraska ... **1996:** Converted 10 of his 16 field goal tries and all 39 of his extra points ... Set a BIG EAST record for points by kicking in a game with 17 versus Southwestern Louisiana ... Made 4 of 5 field goals in that game and five PATs ... Made five of his first six field goals attempts ... His longest of the season was a 35-yarder against Rutgers ... Finished 10 for 13 on attempts inside the 40 and 0-3 on kicks of 40 yards or more ... Was named to the first team of *The Sporting News* Freshman All-America squad ... **High School:** A four-year starter and letterman as a place-kicker for Coach Joel Hicks at Pulaski County High ... A Parade All-American ... Was successful on 165 of 173 career extra points and 38 of 54 career field goals (34-for-38 inside 45) ... Set a national high school record for most points by kicking with 279 ... **Personal:** Michael Shayne Graham ... Born 12/9/77 in Radford, VA ... Son of Jamie Trail and Thomas Graham ... Majoring in communication studies.

Scoring	G	EP	FGM-A	LG	TP
1996	10	39-39	10-16	35	69

Field Goals	10-29 yds	30-39	40-49	50+
1996	7-9	3-5	0-2	0-1



**14**

## Torrian Gray

FS • 6-0 • 204 • r-Sr. • 4VL  
Lakeland, Fla.

One of the leaders of the Tech defense ... Moved to free safety for the 1996 season and helped solidify the secondary ... Has an

excellent understanding of the Tech defense to go with his abundant physical skills ... Started two seasons at rover for the Hokies and was used at cornerback at times late in '96 campaign ... Has played on 97 percent of Tech's defensive plays over the past three seasons ... Was a first-team All-BIG

EAST pick in '94 and a second-team pick in 1995 and '96 ... **1996:** Led the secondary in tackles for the second straight year and finished third overall on the team ... Finished with a total of 76 tackles, including a team-leading 58 solos ... Was second on the team in pass deflections with 10 ... Posted a season-high 10 tackles against Syracuse ... Broke up four passes versus West Virginia ... Iced Tech's win at Miami with an interception in the end zone ... Also had eight tackles and a key pick against Virginia ... **1995:** Averaged 68 plays per game as the starting rover and nine plays a contest on special teams ... Registered a career-high 12 tackles against Cincinnati ... Equalled that total in games against Miami and Virginia ... Posted 11 tackles in a win at Pittsburgh ... Turned in a quarterback sack against West Virginia ... Finished fourth on the team in tackles with 87 ... Did not intercept a pass during the regular season, but picked off two passes in Tech's win over Texas in the Sugar Bowl ... Moved to free safety prior to spring practice ... **1994:** Handled the starting rover duties in every game ... Saw action on 99 percent of Tech's defensive snaps ... Contributed 61 tackles and tied for the team lead in interceptions with four ... Posted eight solo tackles, two assists and a pair of interceptions during Tech's win at Southern Miss ... Returned an interception 66 yards for a TD to clinch an upset win at Boston College ... Turned in two quarterback sacks at Syracuse ... **1993:** Played in every game, drawing two starts at free safety and two at rover ... Also started at rover against Indiana in the Independence Bowl ... Finished the season with 37 total tackles ... **1992:** Spent the fall working at cornerback while redshirting ... Moved to free safety in Tech's new defensive scheme ... **High School:** Picked off four passes his senior year and five as a junior for Kathleen High ... Was first-team all-county and honorable mention all-state (Class 4A) for Coach Ernest Joe in 1991 ... **Personal:** Torrian Deshon Gray ... Born 3/18/74 in Bartow, FL ... Son of Leon and Polly Gray ... Enrolled in housing, interior design and resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1993	11	19	18	37	2-3	0-0
1994	11	39	22	61	2-8	2-12
1995	11	53	34	87	1-1	1-9
1996	11	58	18	76	1-1	0-0
Total	44	169	92	261	6-13	3-21

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1993	11	3	48	16.0	0	46
1994	11	4	74	18.5	1	66
1995	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
1996	11	2	0	0.0	0	0
Total	44	9	122	13.6	1	66



**71**

## Jay Hagood

OT • 6-4 • 313 • r-Sr. • 4VL  
Easley, S.C.

Has started every game at left tackle over the past three seasons ... A second-team All-BIG EAST Football Conference pick in 1995

and '96 ... Was listed as the sixth-best offensive tackle in this year's National Football League draft by *The Sporting News* ... **1996:** Graded over 80 percent with seven knockdown blocks against both Rutgers and East Carolina ... Posted a winning grade in nine of 11 games ... Had a total of 50 knockdowns

on the season ... Saw action on 78 percent of the team's offensive plays and averaged 55 snaps a game ... **1995:** Was in the starting lineup for every game for the second straight year ... Averaged 61 snaps per game, with a season high of 76 versus Syracuse ... Had a winning percentage in nine of the team's 11 regular-season games ... Graded as the top lineman in games against Syracuse and Akron ... **1994:** Started all 11 games at left tackle ... Also contributed as a starter on the extra point and field goal teams ... Played a personal-best 89 offensive snaps at Southern Mississippi ... Was hobbled by a strained Achilles tendon late in the season, but played at least 55 snaps in every game ... **1993:** Got playing time in every game ... Saw backup action at tackle in nine contests, working 44 snaps against Pittsburgh ... Also saw duty in the Independence Bowl ... Started seeing playing time on field goal and extra point teams midway through the season ... **1992:** Was redshirted while working at tackle ... **Prep School:** Had seven sacks and caused four fumbles for Fork Union Military Academy after moving to defensive tackle before the fourth game of the season against the Army junior varsity ... **High School:** Played TE/DE for Coach Larry Bagwell at Easley High School ... All-region his senior year ... **Personal:** Jay Dwight Hagood ... Born 8/9/73 in Easley, SC ... Son of Doris Lee Hagood ... Is studying liberal arts and sciences.



**98**

## Kerwin Hairston

DT • 6-2 • 272 • r-Jr. • 1VL  
Martinsville, Va.

One of Tech's steadiest performers along the defensive line in 1996 ...

Moved into the starting lineup early in the season and finished with eight starts ... Saw more and more playing time as the season progressed ... Can play either defensive tackle position ... **1996:** Tied for second on the squad with six quarterback sacks ... Contributed a total of 58 tackles and added eight QB hurries ... Was in on five tackles, including a sack at Syracuse ... Posted two sacks and eight total tackles against Temple ... Registered a sack in each of the Hokies' last three regular-season games ... Had a personal-best 10 tackles against West Virginia ... Batted down two passes against Southwestern Louisiana ... Played 65 snaps against Miami and 64 versus WVU ... **1995:** Saw action in one varsity game, working 21 plays against Akron ... Registered four tackles in that game ... The Hokies' most improved defensive lineman during spring practice ... Was the top point-getter on defense during the 1996 spring game ... **1994:** Played tackle on the jayvee team ... Also contributed as a member of the scout squad ... **1993:** Worked at defensive tackle while being redshirted as a freshman ... Joined the team as a walk-on ... **High School:** Played tight end and linebacker for Coach Richard Savedge at Fieldale-Collinsville High ... Was the team's MVP as a junior and senior ... **Personal:** Kerwin DeWone Hairston ... Born 12/21/75 in Martinsville, VA ... Son of Lois Hairston ... Studying liberal arts and sciences.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1995	1	2	2	4	0-0	0-0
1996	11	18	34	52	1-3	6-34
Total	12	20	36	56	1-3	6-34

## PLAYER PROFILES



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### Waverly Jackson

DT • 6-3 • 298 • r-Sr. • 4VL  
South Hill, Va.

Anchors the defensive line with his size and strength ... Won Tech's ironman competition during the summer and equalled the

team's all-time bench press record with a lift of 475 pounds during fall testing ... One of just two defensive linemen who entered the 1996 season with starting experience ... **1996:** Saw action in every game, including 10 as a starter ... Played more snaps than any other defensive lineman (561) ... Posted a season-high eight tackles and two sacks against Temple ... Contributed seven tackles in games against Rutgers, Syracuse and West Virginia ... **Deflected** a field goal against Miami ... Finished with 57 total tackles, three sacks and eight hurries ... **1995:** Started four games and played in all 12 ... **Blocked** a PAT kick against Boston College in the season opener ... Was in on 10 tackles versus Cincinnati ... Posted a career-high 16 tackles against Navy, including a quarterback sack and one other tackle behind the line ... Finished the season with 71 total tackles, including four for losses ... Added 18 QB pressures ... Underwent arthroscopic surgery to his right knee in January ... **1994:** Registered a season-high 14 tackles against Virginia, including eight primary hits ... Was in on nine tackles in the season opener against Arkansas State and eight at Southern Mississippi ... Saw action in all 12 games with starts in 10 of them ... Finished sixth on the team in tackles with 70 and fifth in QB pressures with 17 ... Contributed two sacks and three other tackles behind the line ... **1993:** Finished fourth on the team in tackles with 59 ... Registered three quarterback sacks and four other tackles behind the line ... Pressured opposing quarterbacks 14 times and batted down three passes ... Started nine games, including the Independence Bowl contest against Indiana ... **1992:** Worked at defensive end during the fall while being redshirted ... **High School:** Played for Coach Wade Crutchfield at Park View High ... Was named all-conference and all-region his senior year after registering over 150 tackles ... Made first-team all-state (Group AA) as a junior ... **Personal:** Waverly Arthur Jackson ... Born 12/19/72 in South Hill, Va. ... Son of Waverly, Sr., and Louise Jackson ... Majoring in physical education.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1993	11	26	33	59	4- 8	3- 13
1994	11	34	36	70	3- 4	2- 22
1995	11	26	45	71	3- 7	1- 3
1996	11	21	36	57	2- 3	3- 18
Total	44	107	150	257	12- 22	9- 56



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### Bryan Jennings

TE • 6-4 • 254 • Sr. • 4VL  
Forest, Va.

The top tight end in the BIG EAST Football Conference ... Rated the No. 2 tight end in this year's NFL draft by *The Sporting*

*News* ... A complete player with an outstanding combination of talent and experience ... **1996:** Graded a winning percentage in all 11 games ...

Averaged 54 offensive snaps per game and over 10 special teams plays ... Had six knockdown blocks in Tech's win over Virginia ... Caught a pair of touchdown passes against Boston College ... Hauled in three passes for 42 yards versus Uva ... Contributed a total of 12 catches for 159 yards ... Earned first-team All-BIG EAST honors ... **1995:** Started every game at tight end, averaging 45 snaps per game ... Also started on special teams ... Caught at least one pass in every game ... Had three catches for 49 yards versus Boston College ... Turned in two receptions for 59 yards against West Virginia, including a big 37-yard touchdown catch ... Grabbed two passes for 42 yards in win over Syracuse ... Finished the regular season with 17 catches for 244 yards, an average of 14.4 yards per catch ... Was instrumental in Tech's Sugar Bowl win over Texas with a personal-best six receptions for 77 yards ... **1994:** Caught a 7-yard touchdown pass against Arkansas State in the season opener ... Saw action in all 12 games as the No. 2 tight end ... Hauled in passes against Pittsburgh, Miami and Rutgers ... Finished the regular season with four catches for 37 yards ... Rambled 41 yards with a reception against Tennessee in the Gator Bowl ... **1993:** Saw action in every game, including a season-best 35 plays against Pittsburgh ... Caught a 9-yard pass against Bowling Green and pulled in a 13-yard reception versus Pitt ... **High School:** A Parade All-American his senior year at Jefferson Forest High for Coach Bob Christmas ... Named Virginia Group AA Player of the Year his senior year when he caught 19 passes for 654 yards ... **Personal:** Bryan Kendrick Jennings ... Born 1/22/75 in Hampton, Va. ... Son of Albert and Debbie Jennings ... Majoring in liberal arts and sciences.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1993	11	2	22	11.0	0	13
1994	11	4	37	9.3	1	15
1995	11	17	244	14.4	1	37
1996	11	12	159	13.3	2	27
Total	44	35	462	13.2	4	37



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### Loren Johnson

CB • 5-10 • 176 • So. • 2VL  
Miramar, Fla.

Started every game at the field cornerback position ... Tied for the BIG EAST lead in passes broken up with 14 ... Was thrown into

the fire at cornerback as a true freshman in 1995 ... Has made steady progress at the position ... **1996:** Earned BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week honors for his play against Pittsburgh ... Contributed eight tackles, two behind the line, and returned an interception 57 yards to set up a touchdown ... Was in on six tackles in games against Akron and East Carolina ... Broke up three passes against both Boston College and Southwestern Louisiana ... Posted interceptions in consecutive games against Pitt, USL and East Carolina ... Started every game and played on 96 percent of Tech's defensive snaps ... Finished with 44 total tackles, including three for losses of 22 yards ... **1995:** Saw action on special teams during Tech's first two games ... Pressed into starting action at cornerback against Miami ... Broke up a potential game-winning pass with 17 seconds left ... Went on to start Tech's last nine regular-season games ... Saw 40 or more snaps in seven of those contests ... Was

in on eight tackles against Pittsburgh, including one for a loss ... Finished with 27 total tackles and four passes broken up ... Saw action in the Sugar Bowl, but did not start ... **High School:** As a senior for Coach Mark Guandolo at Miramar High School, he was ranked among 'Best of Broward' County players by the Ft. Lauderdale *Sun-Sentinel* and voted team MVP ... **Personal:** Loren Christopher Johnson ... Born 9/16/77 in Miami, FL ... Son of Lee and Mary Johnson ... Son of the late Barbara Johnson ... Is studying marketing education.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1995	11	21	6	27	2-21	0
1996	11	39	5	44	3-22	0
Total	22	60	11	71	5-43	0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1995	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
1996	11	3	57	19.0	0	57
Total	22	3	57	19.0	0	57



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### Jimmy Kibble

K/P • 5-10 • 178 • r-Fr. • 1VL  
Manassas, Va.

Has been a jack-of-all-trades in Tech's kicking game this season ... Started the year handling just the kickoff chores ...

Inherited the punting duties six games into the season ... Added all the place-kicking chores to his duties in the season finale against Virginia when Shayne Graham developed a sore back ... Really came on strong as Tech's punter late in the year ... A left-footed kicker ... **1996:** Got a taste of action as a punter against Temple with three kicks for 38 yards ... Took over the starting duties the next game against Pitt ... Finished strong with eight punts for a 43.4-yard average against West Virginia and five kicks for a 43.0 average versus Virginia ... Had a season-best 60-yard punt against Uva ... Averaged 37.3 yards on 32 punts for the season ... Missed his only field goal attempt against Virginia from 47 yards out ... Was two of three on extra points in that game ... Contributed five tackles on coverage ... **1995:** Traveled with the varsity team as the No. 2 kicker ... Did not see action and was redshirted ... **High School:** Lettered three seasons as a kicker and wide receiver for Coach Chuck Hornbeck at Osbourn Park High School ... Booted a school-record 45-yard field goal on the last field goal attempt of his prep career ... Nailed a 55-yard field goal during the 1995



**Shaine Miles** (40) with teammates **Bryan Jennings** (81) and **Steve Tate** block on a Tech punt return.



Virginia high school all-star game ... **Personal:** James Joseph Kibble ... Born 10/25/77 in Queens, NY ... Son of James and Deborah Kibble ... Enrolled in university studies.

Punting	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Blk	LG
1996	11	32	1193	37.3	0	60



**30**  
**Anthony Midget**  
CB • 5-11 • 174 • Fr. • 1VL  
Clewiston, Fla.

Began the season as a special teams player and a reserve cornerback ... Ended it as a major player in Tech's defensive fortunes ... Was thrust into the Tech lineup when starting boundary corner Antonio Banks was injured in the East Carolina game ... Gave up a big play shortly after entering the game, but bounced back to make some key plays of his own, including a sack and an interception ... Went on to start two of the last three games of the season ... **1996:** Played in every game, including nine at cornerback ... Had only seen action on 53 defensive plays when he entered the ECU game ... Went on to play 203 snaps in the last four games ... Played 36 snaps and contributed three tackles, a sack, an interception and a deflected pass against the Pirates ... Made his first collegiate start the next week at Miami, playing 68 plays and registering seven tackles ... Started and posted five tackles against West Virginia ... Played 47 plays against Virginia and chipped in six tackles, two passes broken up, a quarterback hurry and a fumble recovery ... Finished with 32 total tackles and five passes broken up ... **High School:** Lettered three seasons as a receiver, quarterback, defensive back and tailback for Coach Al Morrell ... Earned honorable mention 4A all-state honors his junior and senior years ... **Personal:** Anthony Queen Midget ... Born 2/22/78 in Clewiston, FL ... Son of Cheryl Midget and Anthony Midget, Sr. ... Enrolled in university studies.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1996	11	25	7	32	0-0	1-5

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1996	11	1	0	0.0	0	0



**40**  
**Shaine Miles**  
TE • 6-1 • 242 • Fr.-Sr. • 4VL  
Salem, Va.

Plays a valuable role as a special teams performer and as the Hokies' No. 2 tight end ... Suffered a knee injury in the Miami game and missed the last two games of the season ... Is hoping to return for the Orange Bowl ... **1996:** Graded a winning percentage at tight end in eight of the nine games he played ... Had a pair of knockdown blocks against Pitt ... Contributed nine tackles on coverage teams, including two in games versus Akron and Temple ... Underwent arthroscopic knee surgery after the Miami game ... Did not play against West Virginia and Virginia ... **1995:** Served as the team's No. 2 tight end and was a starter on special teams ... Saw action in every

game in both capacities ... Contributed three tackles on coverage teams against Pittsburgh and two versus Virginia ... Finished the season with nine total tackles ... **1994:** Saw action in every game on special teams ... Started on four different units ... Also served as a reserve fullback ... Posted four tackles against West Virginia ... **1993:** Lettered as a starter on special teams ... Also saw some reserve duty at fullback against Pittsburgh, rushing three times for eight yards ... Contributed 12 tackles on coverage teams, including four against Syracuse ... **1992:** Was redshirted while working at inside linebacker during the fall ... Opened spring practice at the mike linebacking position ... Moved to fullback after practice got underway ... **High School:** His hitting ability earned him the "Spartan Bell" award at Salem High for hardest hitter on the team ... Named Virginia Group AA Defensive Player of the Year as a senior ... Led Coach Willis White's team to state Division 4 Group AA championship game ... **Personal:** Shaine Michael Miles ... Born 8/9/73 in Salem, VA ... Son of Billy and Linda Miles ... Majoring in history.



**8**  
**Tony Morrison**  
LB • 6-1 • 231 • Jr. • 3VL  
Chesapeake, Va.

Took over the starting mike linebacking duties for the '96 season, but was hampered by foot and ankle injuries most of the season ... Missed five games, including the West Virginia and Virginia games ... Should be ready to go in the Orange Bowl ... Has performed well when healthy ... Saw action at each of Tech's three linebacker positions during his first two seasons ... **1996:** Opened the season with 11 tackles against Akron, including a quarterback sack ... Was in on eight tackles and another sack at Boston College ... Turned in a career-high 16 tackles against Syracuse, but injured his right foot and missed the next two games ... Returned to action against Southwestern Louisiana, East Carolina and Miami ... Posted five tackles in each game ... Was sidelined again after hurting his left ankle at Miami ... Started five of the six games in which he played ... Finished with 50 tackles and six quarterback hurries ... Posted five tackles behind the line, including two sacks ... **1995:** Saw action in every game with one start at each of the two inside linebacking positions ... Registered eight tackles in a start against Cincinnati ... Had five tackles, including a sack and one additional tackle behind the line versus West Virginia ... Posted 12 tackles against Virginia ... Finished with 53 tackles, six quarterback pressures and three passes broken up ... Three of his eight tackles behind the line were sacks ... **1994:** Played in 10 games, including a start at the whip linebacker position in Tech's regular-season finale with Virginia ... Was in on five tackles, including a QB sack against West Virginia ... Contributed five tackles and an interception versus Temple ... Posted eight tackles against UVA ... Finished with 27 total tackles ... Started at inside linebacker in Tech's Gator Bowl game against Tennessee ... Registered five tackles, including one for a 3-yard loss ... **High School:** Named to Virginia's All-Group AAA first team at quarterback and defensive back ... Led Indian River High School to its first Eastern Region championship ... **Personal:** Antonio Jahmal Morrison ... Born

3/16/76 in Portsmouth, VA ... Son of James and Marilyn Morrison ... Studying human nutrition and foods.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1994	10	14	13	27	0-0	1-2
1995	11	28	25	53	5-8	3-28
1996	6	30	20	50	3-10	2-16
Total	27	72	58	130	8-18	6-46

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1994	10	1	9	9.0	0	9
1995	11	0	0	0	0	0
1996	6	0	0	0	0	0
Tot.	27	1	9	9.0	0	9



**55**  
**Myron Newsome**  
LB • 5-9 • 218 • Sr. • 2VL  
Hampton, Va.

May not fit the mold of an inside linebacker, but handles the job as well as anybody in the BIG EAST Football Conference ...

The Hokies' second leading tackler in '96 ... Has outstanding speed and quickness to go with real football savvy ... Set a team mark in the bench press for an ILB at 420 pounds ... **1996:** Piled up 84 total tackles, including seven behind the line ... Also contributed six quarterback hurries and two passes broken up ... Opened the season with back-to-back 10-tackle performances against Akron and Boston College ... Posted his only sack in the opener with Akron ... Registered a career-high 18 tackles against Syracuse ... Made two stops behind the line in that game and caused a fumble ... Injured his shoulder in the Temple game and did not play against Pittsburgh ... Was in on seven tackles against East Carolina, two of which resulted in losses ... Earned second-team All-BIG EAST honors ... **1995:** Earned a starting job at linebacker during the preseason and started 11 of the team's 12 games ... Returned an interception 71 yards for a touchdown against Rutgers ... Finished that game with 10 tackles, a sack, a pass broken up and a QB pressure on the way to national defensive player of the week honors ... Added another interception against Virginia ... Compiled 56 tackles for the season, with five coming behind the line ... Made two more tackles behind the line, including a sack, during Tech's win over Texas in the Sugar Bowl ... Won the Frank O. Moseley Award as Tech's top defensive hustler during 1996 spring practice ... **Junior College:** Played at Butler (Kan.) County Community College in 1993 and '94 for Coach Mike Clayton ... Was named second-team JUCO All-American by the *JC Grid Wire* ... Had 167 tackles at Butler in two years ... **High School:** Was named an all-state, all-region and all-district linebacker while playing for Coach Mike Smith at Hampton High School ... During prep career, had 303 tackles and nine interceptions ... **Personal:** Myron Levelle Newsome ... Son of Lloyd, Jr. and Mable Newsome ... Born 5/13/74 in Hampton, VA ... Majoring in physical education.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1995	11	30	26	56	3-11	2-14
1996	10	46	38	84	6-12	1-9
Total	21	76	64	140	9-23	3-23

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1995	11	2	73	36.5	1	71
1996	10	0	0	0.0	0	0
Total	21	2	73	36.5	1	71

## PLAYER PROFILES



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### Ken Oxendine

TB • 6-1 • 225 • Jr. • 3VL  
Chester, Va.

Earned first-team All-BIG EAST honors despite missing two full games and part of another ... Led the league in scoring with an

average of 8.67 points per game and was second in rushing at 98.9 yards an outing ... Tied the school single-season record for rushing touchdowns with 13 ... Moved over the 1,000-yard rushing mark during the season and now has 1,741 career yards ... Has averaged 6.0 yards per carry during his Tech career ... 1996: Led the team in rushing and scoring with 890 yards and 78 points ... Carried the ball 150 times for an average of 5.9 yards a carry ... Injured his shoulder in the first quarter of Tech's opener at Akron after gaining 65 yards on 11 carries ... Missed the Boston College and Rutgers games ... Returned to score two touchdowns against Syracuse ... Rushed for a career-high 163 yards and three TDs against Temple ... One of those scores came on a 71-yard run ... Followed with 111 yards and two touchdowns against Pitt and 140 yards and two more TDs versus Southwestern Louisiana ... Just missed a fourth straight 100-yard game when finished with 99 against East Carolina ... Was the only back to gain 100 yards rushing against West Virginia's defense ... Managed 104 yards and two TDs against the Mountaineers ... Caught four passes for 74 yards on the season, including two for 58 yards against Syracuse ... 1995: Suffered a broken bone in his hand during preseason practice and missed the first two games ... Returned to action against Miami and gained 85 yards on nine carries ... Had 135 yards and two TDs on 14 carries against Akron ... One of his touchdowns against the Zips came on a 68-yard run ... Rushed for 118 yards in key win over Syracuse ... Was second on the team in rushing with 593 yards on 106 attempts, an average of 5.6 yards per carry ... Also caught 13 passes for 89 yards ... 1994: Played in 10 regular-season games and finished fourth on the team in rushing with 258 yards on 33 rushing attempts, an average of 7.8 yards per carry ... Bolted 53 yards for a touchdown against West Virginia on his second collegiate carry to become the first true freshman at Tech to run for a TD in one of his first two carries since Cyrus Lawrence did it on his second carry in 1979 ... Gained 78 yards on five carries at Syracuse, including a 62-yard TD run ... Started games against Temple and East Carolina ... Carried 16 times for 71 yards against Temple ... Also caught five passes for 21 yards in that game ...



**High School:** A high school All-American who rushed for 3,256 career yards and 34 TDs at Thomas Dale for Coach Vic Williams ... Named The Associated Press Group AAA Player of the Year in Virginia ... **Personal:** Ken Quarius Oxendine ... Born 10/4/75 in Richmond, Va. ... Son of Carl Waller and Viola Oxendine ... Studying psychology.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1994	10	33	258	7.8	2	62
1995	9	106	593	5.6	4	68
1996	9	150	890	5.9	13	71
Tot.	28	289	1741	6.0	19	71

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1994	10	8	30	3.8	0	9
1995	9	13	89	6.8	0	16
1996	9	4	74	18.5	0	52
Tot.	28	25	193	7.7	0	52



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### Marcus Parker

TB • 5-10 • 221 • Jr. • 3VL  
Roanoke, Va.

Teams with Ken Oxendine to give the Hokies a potent 1-2 punch at tailback ... Averaged 5.7 yards a carry in his first collegiate season at tailback ... Worked at fullback his first two years ... A physical runner with outstanding speed ... 1996: Sat out the first four games of the season while serving a suspension ... Gave the team an immediate boost when he returned, rushing for 90 yards and a touchdown against Pitt on just six carries ... Contributed a 73-yard run against the Panthers ... Gained 84 yards against Southwestern Louisiana and picked up a career-high 117 yards on the ground in East Carolina game ... Had a key 9-yard touchdown run against Virginia ... Finished with 467 yards rushing on 82 carries and scored four touchdowns ... Added seven pass receptions for 50 yards ... 1995: Spent the bulk of his time as the No. 2 fullback ... Also contributed as a starter on special teams ... Rushed for 85 yards on seven carries against Akron ... Scored two touchdowns in that game, one on a 59-yard run ... Ran for 42 yards and one TD on nine carries versus Syracuse ... Finished regular-season play with 267 yards rushing on 46 carries ... Scored five touchdowns during Tech's last six regular-season games and added another TD in the Sugar Bowl ... Switched to tailback in the spring ... 1994: Saw most of his early-season action on special teams ... Got 26 snaps at fullback against Temple and 20 versus Pittsburgh ... Played in nine regular-season games, plus the Gator Bowl ... Gained 45 yards on seven carries in the Temple game ... Caught a 21-yard touchdown pass against Pittsburgh ... Finished the season with 16 rushing attempts for 83 yards and two pass receptions for 30 yards ... Injured his knee in early November and underwent arthroscopic surgery ... **High School:** Twice named all-district, all-region and all-state while playing for Coach Willis White at Salem High ... **Personal:** Marcus Jermaine Parker ... Born 11/12/76 in Roanoke, Va. ... Son of Leroy and Billie Parker ... Enrolled in accounting.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1994	9	16	83	5.2	0	19
1995	11	46	267	5.8	5	59
1996	7	82	467	5.7	4	73
Tot.	27	144	817	5.7	9	73

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1994	9	2	30	15.0	1	21
1995	11	3	50	16.7	0	39
1996	7	7	50	7.1	0	17
Tot.	27	12	130	10.8	1	39



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### Pierson Prioleau

ROV • 5-10 • 174 • So. • 2VL  
Alvin, S.C.

Started every game at the rover position after serving as a top reserve at cornerback a year ago ... Adjusted to the new

position as the season progressed ... Finished fourth on the team in tackles ... Set an overall team record in the vertical jump during fall testing with a leap of 42 inches ... 1996: Saw action on 96 percent of Tech's defensive plays ... Also averaged seven plays a game on special teams ... Broke up three passes and registered nine tackles and a sack against Akron in his first collegiate start ... Had eight tackles and three quarterback hurries in the Pittsburgh game ... Registered two tackles behind the line and nine total hits at Miami ... Was in on a career-high 11 tackles against West Virginia and broke up a pair of passes ... Posted a sack in the Virginia game ... Compiled a total of 71 tackles, 41 unassisted ... Also five tackles behind the line, six quarterback hurries and six passes broken up ... 1995: Started on special teams ... Saw his first collegiate action at cornerback against Miami, playing 21 snaps and contributing six tackles ... Worked a season-high 49 snaps in the secondary versus Akron, posting five tackles ... Made a spectacular diving play to break up a sure touchdown pass at Rutgers ... Was used exclusively on special teams in the last four regular-season games ... Finished the season with 24 tackles, 15 unassisted ... Moved to rover during the spring ... **High School:** Played running back and defensive back for Coach Phillip Morgan at Macedonia High School ... Contributed 77 tackles on defense ... **Personal:** Pierson O in Prioleau ... Born 8/6/77 in Charleston, S.C. ... Son of Peter and Rozetta Prioleau ... Enrolled in university studies.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1995	11	15	9	24	0-0	0
1996	11	41	30	71	3-16	2-14
Total	22	56	39	95	3-16	2-14



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### Shawn Scales

FL • 5-11 • 180 • Jr. • 3VL  
Woodbridge, Va.

Made the most of his first season as a starter ... Became a major contributor as both a receiver and a return

specialist ... Also turned a reverse into a touchdown during the regular-season finale against Virginia ... Until this year, he had been one of Tech's best kept secrets due to nagging injuries ... 1996: Started every game at flanker ... Tied with Cornelius White for the team lead in receptions with 30 and led the way in receiving yards with 510 ... Caught four touchdown passes and averaged 17 yards per reception ... Took over the kickoff and punt return duties midway through the season ... Averaged 26 yards per return on kickoffs and 8.9 yards on punts ... Had a 61-yard kickoff return in the Southwestern Louisiana game ... Grabbed a personal-best five passes against Boston College for 61 yards ...

Hauled in a 64-yard touchdown pass against Temple and a 71-yarder versus Pittsburgh ... Finished the Pitt game with three catches for 95 yards and two TDs ... Had a career-high 96 receiving yards against Temple ... Scored on a 21-yard pass against Southwestern Louisiana ... Ran 17 yards for a touchdown against Virginia to become the first Tech receiver to score on a reverse since Donald Wayne Snell did it in 1986 against Kentucky ... **1995:** Lettered for his play on special teams ... Only saw limited action in two regular-season games as a receiver ... **1994:** Saw action in 10 regular-season games on special teams, but was slowed most of the season by a pulled groin muscle ... Worked on the kickoff team, as well as the kickoff and punt return units ... Got some playing time at wide receiver in four games ... Caught two passes for nine yards in the season opener against Arkansas State ... Had a 4-yard reception versus Rutgers ... Played a season-high 22 snaps at receiver in the Rutgers game ... Contributed a 5-yard reception against Tennessee in the Gator Bowl ... **1993:** Redshirted as a freshman ... **Prep School:** Spent a year at Fork Union Military Academy, where he caught 30 passes as a wide receiver for Coach John Shuman ... **High School:** Starred in football at Woodbridge High School for Coach Ron Davis ... As a senior, he caught 45 passes for 774 yards and eight touchdowns ... **Personal:** Shawn Darnell Scales ... Born 3/5/73 in Arlington, VA ... Enrolled in human nutrition and foods.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1994	9	3	13	4.3	0	12
1995	6	0	0	0	0	0
1996	11	30	510	17.0	4	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>71</b>



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**Brandon Semones**

LB • 6-0 • 202 • Sr. • 4VL  
Salem, Va.

Earned second-team All-BIG EAST honors for the second straight season after leading the Hokies in tackles ... Has started 35

consecutive games over the past three years ... Gets the job done on the field and off — where he is a District III Academic All-American ... **1996:** Tied for the team lead in total tackles behind the line with 13, including five quarterback sacks ... Posted three tackles for loss in the season opener at Akron ... Recorded 12 tackles the next week at Boston College, including two sacks for minus 30 yards ... Also had sacks against Syracuse, Temple and Miami ... Contributed 10 total tackles — three behind the line — against the Hurricanes ... Had another 10-tackle game against Pittsburgh ... Intercepted a pass against West Virginia ... Caused an interception against Virginia and added nine tackles and two quarterback pressures on the way to BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week honors ... Finished with a team-leading 88 tackles, 57 unassisted ... Broke up five passes and hurried the quarterback six times ... Saw action on 95 percent of the team's defensive plays ... **1995:** Was fifth on the team in tackles with 85 ... Posted seven tackles behind the line, including two sacks ... Pressured the quarterback six times and broke up six passes ... Started every game and also contributed on special teams ... Reached double-figure tackles in three straight games early in the season with 11

versus Cincinnati, 10 against Miami and 14 at Pittsburgh ... Was all over the field against Texas in the Sugar Bowl, compiling nine tackles, a sack and two other tackles behind the line ... **1994:** Started the first 10 games of the season at whip linebacker before moving to one of the inside LB spots for the Virginia game ... Contributed 13 tackles against Southern Mississippi, including two behind the line ... Was named a Honda Scholar Athlete Award winner during the Hokies' ESPN game against WVU ... Earned BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week honors after notching 15 tackles, including three sacks, against Pittsburgh ... Ranked second overall on the team in tackles with 99 ... Collected five sacks for losses of 40 yards, plus eight other tackles behind the line for losses of 22 yards ... Broke up six passes and intercepted three ... **1993:** Tech's top tackler on special teams with 16 stops ... Worked at rover during the season, but his only action on defense came in the Pitt game ... Blocked a punt against Virginia to set up a field goal ... **High School:** Rushed for over 5,000 yards, scored 85 touchdowns and registered 410 tackles during his four-year football career at Glenvar High School ... Played running back and linebacker for Coach Brian Hooker ... **Personal:** Brandon Ray Semones ... Born 1/27/75 in Salem, VA ... Son of Dennis and Betty Semones ... His father played football at Tech in the mid-1960s ... Majoring in marketing education.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1993	11	13	3	16	0-0	0-0
1994	11	58	41	99	8-22	5-40
1995	11	54	31	85	5-11	2-22
1996	11	57	31	88	8-28	5-54
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>21-61</b>	<b>12-116</b>

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1993	11	0	0	0	0	0
1994	11	3	21	7.0	0	21
1995	11	1	0	0	0	0
1996	11	1	11	11.0	0	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>



**74**

**Derek Smith**

OT • 6-6 • 288 • r-So. • 1VL  
Kearneysville, W. Va.

Proved to be a valuable member of the offensive front this season, filling in at both tackle positions during the year ... Gave

the Hokies consistent play in some key games ... Got better and better as the season went along ... **1996:** Saw action in every game and graded a winning percentage in all 11 contests ... Had three knockdown blocks in back-to-back games against Boston College and Rutgers ... Got 39 snaps against Southwestern Louisiana and posted the highest grade among the interior linemen ... Played a season-high 53 snaps against Virginia ... **1995:** Did not attend school during the fall semester due to medical reasons ... Rejoined the team for winter workouts ... **1994:** Redshirted while working at left offensive tackle during the fall ... Moved to left guard during spring practice and made a good adjustment ... **High School:** Named Jefferson High School's defensive MVP ... A West Virginia all-state selection and a three-year letterman for Coach John Kirby ... **Personal:** Derek Gene Smith ... Born 4/13/76 in Portsmouth, VA ... Son of Gene and Rosemary Smith ... Studying hospitality and tourism management.



**46**

**Jamel Smith**

LB • 6-1 • 227 • r-Fr. • 1VL  
Columbia, S.C.

Has given the Hokies solid play in '96 as a special teams starter and a top backup at inside

linebacker ... Stepped into the starting lineup against Pittsburgh when needed and performed well ... **1996:** Played in 10 of the team's 11 games ... Saw action at linebacker in six of those games ... Contributed five tackles during his 17 snaps on defense against Boston College ... Started the Pitt game and played a career-high 74 plays at the backer position ... Registered nine tackles, a sack, another tackle for loss, two quarterback hurries and a pass deflection ... Had 21 total tackles for the year ... **1995:** Was redshirted while working at the mike linebacker position during the fall ... Moved to the backer position in the spring ... **High School:** Helped Coach Jim Bonneville and Spring Valley High School to an 11-2 record and Region 4-AAAA title as a senior ... Posted 128 tackles along with a caused fumble, two fumble recoveries and an interception in 1994 ... **Personal:** Jamel Bobby Smith ... Born 7/18/77 in Columbia, SC ... Son of James and Louise Smith ... Is studying physical education.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1996	10	12	9	21	1-3	1-13



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**Shyrone Stith**

TB • 5-7 • 190 • Fr. • 1VL  
Chesapeake, Va.

Was one of the surprise stories of the 1996 season ... Proved to be a saving grace when tailbacks Ken

Oxendine and Marcus Parker were both sidelined at the beginning of the season ... Got the call and answered with the poise of a veteran ... Just over a month after setting foot on the campus, he had become the first true freshman at Tech to rush for 100 yards in a season-opening game since the 1940s, he had made his first collegiate start and he had taken over the team lead in rushing and scoring ... Was instrumental in Tech winning its first three games ... **1996:** Entered the season-opener at Akron early in the second quarter after Oxendine suffered a separated shoulder ... Went on to rush for 119 yards and two touchdowns in the narrow 21-18 win ... Started the next week against Boston College and contributed 80 yards on the ground and two more TDs ... Scored again in a start against Rutgers, rushing for 75 yards on 18 carries ... Also caught three passes for 24 yards in that game ... Returned to backup status when Oxendine and Parker returned ... Ran for 87 yards on seven carries later in the season against Southwestern Louisiana ... Finished second on the team with 474 yards rushing on 89 carries, an average of 5.3 yards per carry ... Tied for fourth in scoring on the team with

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## PLAYER PROFILES

### Shyrone Stith *Continued*

30 punts ... Started on special teams during the last five games of the season ... **High School:** Lettered four seasons as a halfback for Coach Lew Johnston at Western Branch ... Only played in five games as a senior due to injuries, but still rushed for 670 yards and 11 touchdowns ... In 25 career games posted 2,234 yards rushing and scored 39 touchdowns ... both school records ... **Personal:** Shyrone Orenthal Stith ... Born 4/2/78 in Portsmouth, VA ... Son of Wanda Elizabeth McCoy ... Enrolled in university studies.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1996	11	89	474	5.3	5	35

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1996	11	4	26	6.5	0	13



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### Michael Stuewe

SE • 6-1 • 188 • r-Jr. • 2VL  
Somerset, N.J.

A key figure in Tech's offensive success this season ... Was a 'go-to guy' in crucial situations late in the season ... Caught

touchdown passes in four of the Hokies' last five games ... Rates as the most sure-handed receiver on the Tech squad ... Started his Tech career as a walk-on and earned a scholarship ... **1996:** Played in all 11 games, grading a winning percentage in every outing ... Led the team in touchdown catches with five and was third in overall receptions with 25 for 385 yards ... Caught his first collegiate TD pass in the opening game at Akron ... Had 65-yard touchdown catches in back-to-back games against Southwestern Louisiana and East Carolina ... Put Tech ahead for good with his TD catches against Miami and Virginia ... Turned in a team-high seven catches against Rutgers for 71 yards ... Registered 71 yards on just two catches versus USL and also blocked a punt ... Caught four passes for 44 yards in the UVa game ... **1995:** Saw action in every game on special teams and played in 11 of 12 contests as a wide receiver ... Grabbed four passes for 32 yards versus Cincinnati ... Also had four receptions against Temple, good for 39 yards ... Turned in a key 11-yard catch on Tech's game-winning drive at Virginia ... Finished the season with 13 catches for 122 yards ... **1994:** Played on the jayvee and scout teams ... **1993:** Joined the team as a walk-on ... Was redshirted while working at split end ... **Prep School:** Attended the Hun School in Princeton (NJ) for one year ... Won the team's Iron Man Award ... Earned all-prep honors ... **High School:** Worked at wide receiver and free safety during four seasons for Coach Nick Metrokatsas at St. Peter's High School ... Caught 42 passes for 735 yards ... **Personal:** Michael Dennis Stuewe ... Born 6/20/74 in South Plainfield, NJ ... Son of Dennis and Rita Stuewe ... Enrolled in hospitality and tourism management.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1995	11	13	122	9.4	0	17
1996	11	25	385	15.4	5	65
Total	22	38	507	13.3	5	65



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### Steve Tate

LB • 6-1 • 240 • r-Jr. • 2VL  
N. Canton, Ohio

Saw a lot of playing time at the mike linebacker position during the second half of the season ... Helped anchor the defense

during Tech's seven-game winning streak ... Another former walk-on who earned a scholarship with his great work ethic ... **1996:** Opened the season as the top backup at the mike linebacker spot, but ended up starting six games ... Made his first collegiate start against Rutgers ... Saw action on 58 plays and contributed seven tackles ... Turned in a career-high 12 tackles against West Virginia and also contributed a quarterback hurry and a pass deflection ... Posted nine tackles in the regular-season finale against Virginia ... Compiled a total of 60 tackles, four hurries and three deflections ... Averaged 39 snaps a game on defense and 14 plays a game on special teams ... **1995:** Moved into a contributing role on special teams by the fifth game and saw action in six games before being sidelined for the Virginia game by a dislocated kneecap ... Saw action at the mike linebacker position during the Akron game and contributed four tackles and a quarterback pressure ... Contributed three tackles on coverage teams against Rutgers ... Finished the season with 10 total tackles ... Assisted on three tackles during Tech's win over Texas in the Sugar Bowl ... **1994:** Made the dress squad for several early-season games ... Worked at both the mike and backer positions, but did not see action in a varsity game ... **1993:** Redshirted as a freshman ... **High School:** Won first-team all-county, all-league and all-district for Coach Ed Glass at Hoover High ... Played fullback and defensive end ... **Personal:** Steven Tilghman Tate ... Born 12/6/74 in Mt. Laurel, NJ ... Son of Dave and Sandra Tate ... Majoring in building construction.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1995	6	8	2	10	0-0	0
1996	11	36	24	60	0-0	0
Total	17	44	26	70	0-0	0



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### Dwight Vick

OG • 6-4 • 307 • r-So. • 1VL  
Hampton, Va.

Provided backup at offensive guard ... Saw action in a total of seven games and earned his first letter ... **1996:** Played a

season-high 26 plays against Rutgers and earned a winning grade ... Contributed three knockdown blocks in that contest ... Saw 23 snaps in the Southwestern Louisiana game ... **1995:** Worked as a backup at right guard to start the season and finished as the backup on the left side ... Saw action in six regular-season games ... Got a personal-best 55 snaps at guard in the Akron game ... **1994:** Sat out the season as a redshirt ... **High School:** Named a first-team All-Group AAA offensive tackle at Hampton High School, where he played for Coach Mike Smith ... **Personal:** Dwight Postell Vick ... Born 9/14/76 in Durham, NC ... Son of Norman and Mary Vick ... Majoring in family and child development.



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### Tim Wade

C • 6-3 • 295 • r-Sr. • 3VL  
Richmond, Va.

A three-year starter as Tech's snapper for punts and placements ... Also holds down the No. 2 spot at center ... Has worked

hard to earn his success ... **1996:** Continued his snapping duties and saw some action at center in five games ... Had knockdown blocks against Boston College and Syracuse ... **1995:** Started every game as the deep snapper and saw action at center in five contests ... Got 29 plays at center versus Akron ... Had a personal-best 36 snaps in the second half against Virginia ... **1994:** Took over all the snapping duties for punts and placements prior to the West Virginia game ... Started in that capacity for the rest of the season ... Saw his only playing time at center against Arkansas State and Temple ... Got downfield to help out on six tackles on punt returns ... **1993:** Saw limited varsity action in five games ... Played 31 snaps against Pittsburgh ... **1992:** Worked at center while being redshirted ... **High School:** Led offensive line that helped Lloyd Bird High School gain over 3,000 yards rushing, post a 12-2 record and go to the state championships in 1991 ... Played for Coach Glen Schrotenboer ... Named Offensive Player of the Year by the Richmond Touchdown Club ... **Personal:** Timothy Robert Wade ... Born 6/20/74 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Robert and Colleen Wade ... A sociology major.



Tim Wade has been an unsung hero for the Hokies the past three seasons at deep snapper.



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**T.J. Washington**

OT • 6-4 • 313 • r-Sr. • 3VL  
Melfa, Va.

Enjoyed his best season as a Hokie after serving as a key reserve the past two years ... Earned second-

team All-BIG EAST honors in his first year as a starter ... Posted winning grades in 10 of Tech's 11 games ... 1996: Started every game at right tackle ... Turned in the highest grade along the offensive line in the opener at Akron, contributing eight knockdown blocks in the process ... Had nine knockdowns against Southwestern Louisiana and seven versus West Virginia ... Played a personal-high 78 snaps against USL ... Averaged 65 plays per game and finished with 59 knockdowns ... 1995: Served as the No. 2 man at right tackle ... Saw limited action on special teams ... Was the top-graded lineman in the Rutgers game ... Played a season-high 42 offensive snaps against Akron and had 41 versus both West Virginia and Syracuse ... 1994: Played in every game at tackle, including the Gator Bowl ... Got 71 offensive snaps against West Virginia and 69 versus Syracuse ... Was in for 20 or more snaps in every game but one ... Also helped out on special teams during the last eight regular season games ... 1993: Served as a backup at split guard ... Saw limited action in four games, including 12 snaps versus Pittsburgh ... Moved to tackle during spring practice ... 1992: Was redshirted as a freshman ... Spent the fall working at defensive tackle ... Moved to offense during the spring ... High School: Achieved honors on both sides of the ball while playing for his father, Tony, Jr., at Nandua High School ... Was all-district, all-region and all-state (Group A) his last two seasons ... Personal: Tony Washington, III ... Born 7/1/74 in Nassawadox, VA ... Son of Tony, Jr., and Earline Washington ... Brother of Tech lineman Todd Washington ... Majoring in family and child development.



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**Todd Washington**

OG • 6-3 • 308 • Jr. • 2VL  
Melfa, Va.

Took over the left guard position and started every game ... Saw action on 94 percent of the Hokies'

offensive snaps ... Established himself as a real force as the season progressed ... 1996: Graded over 80 percent in each of Tech's first three games posting 18 knockdown blocks in the process ... Had a team-high 12 knockdowns against Pittsburgh and followed that with 11 more in the Southwestern Louisiana game ... Finished with a total of 64 ... Earned a winning grade in 10 of the team's 11 games ... Got 79 snaps against both USL and East Carolina ... 1995: Opened the season as the starter at right guard ... Started the first four games of the year, then saw action in each of the remaining games as a top reserve ... Played a personal-best 81 snaps against Boston College ... Had a total of 440 snaps during the regular season ... 1994: Backed up Billy Conaty at center ... Worked 16 snaps against Boston College and 15 at Southern Mississippi ... Suffered a shoulder injury in the Syracuse game which slowed his progress ... Saw action in a total of six games ... High School: Played for his father, Tony

Washington, Jr., at Nandua High School ... Named to the Group A All-State second team as a defensive lineman in 1993 ... Personal: Todd Page Washington ... Born 7/19/76 in Nassawadox, VA ... Son of Tony, Jr., and Earline Washington ... Younger brother of Tech lineman T.J. Washington ... Studying physical education.



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**Danny Wheel**

DE • 6-2 • 253 • r-Jr. • 2VL  
Williamsburg, Va.

Another former walk-on who has turned into an important contributor for the Hokies ... Saw starting

time at both defensive end positions during the regular season ... A Super Iron Hokie who rates as one of the strongest players on the squad ... 1996: Played in all 11 games, including seven as a starter ... Contributed four quarterback hurries against Boston College and had two QB sacks in the Rutgers game ... Compiled a career-high 11 tackles against Syracuse ... Played a personal-best 71 snaps against Pittsburgh and registered seven tackles ... Finished with 51 total tackles, including five behind the line ... Was second on the team in hurries with 15 ... 1995: Lettered for his work on special teams ... Saw action in eight regular-season games and the Sugar Bowl ... Worked 28 plays at defensive end against Akron ... Contributed four tackles in that game, including two behind the line of scrimmage ... 1994: Got a look at defensive end and tackle while redshirting ... 1993: Played on the jayvee team ... High School: Started three seasons on defense at Lafayette High School ... Also a two-year starter on offense for Coach Bubba Hooker ... Voted Lafayette's MVP as a senior ... Personal: Beverly Daniel Wheel, III ... Born 4/11/75 in Dayton, OH ... Son of Beverly D., Jr. and Cynthia Wheel ... Enrolled in economics.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1995	8	2	3	5	2- 5	0
1996	11	22	29	51	3- 6	2- 13
Total	19	24	32	56	5- 11	2- 13



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**Cornelius White**

SE • 6-0 • 202 • r-Sr. • 4VL  
Pennel, Pa.

A veteran player who saved his best for last ... Not only made his senior season his best, but

finished it with a real flourish, catching 11 passes in the Hokies' last two games ... Will finish his Tech career ninth overall on the school's all-time pass reception list with 78 ... 1996: Started every game at split end ... Tied for the team lead in receptions with 30 for 449 yards and four touchdowns ... Hauled in five passes for a career-high 103 yards against Boston College ... Had a personal-best six catches against West Virginia for 77 yards and two touchdowns ... Helped break open the Virginia game with a 72-yard reception that set up a Tech touchdown ... Finished that game with five catches for 92 yards ... Blocked a punt and returned it 60 yards for a touchdown against Syracuse ... Graded a winning percentage in every game ... Had six knockdown blocks against Boston College ...

Averaged 45 offensive snaps and 18 special teams plays per game ... 1995: Was third on the team in receptions with 22 for 312 yards ... Saw action in every game with starts against Cincinnati and Akron ... Caught five passes for 89 yards against Boston College ... Grabbed two touchdown passes in the Akron game, including a 68-yarder ... Was on the receiving end of a 16-yard pass against Texas in the Sugar Bowl ... 1994: Played in 10 games, including starts against Boston College and West Virginia ... Also a major contributor on special teams ... Caught two passes for 21 yards at Southern Mississippi ... Grabbed three passes for 29 yards against East Carolina and two for 31 yards at Miami ... Finished the season with 11 catches for 142 yards ... Suffered a fractured right kneecap while jogging in early December and missed the Gator Bowl ... 1993: Saw a lot of action as both a receiver and special teams member ... Played in every game ... Was in for 71 plays against Boston College, including 12 on special teams ... Caught a 33-yard touchdown pass at West Virginia ... Had three catches for 57 yards versus Boston College and hauled in four passes for 43 yards against Virginia ... Was on the receiving end of two passes for 35 yards against Indiana in the Independence Bowl ... Finished the season with 15 catches for 211 yards ... 1992: Practiced at split end during a redshirt year ... Prep School: Attended Hargrave Military Academy for one year ... Played wide receiver for Coach Joe Freeland ... Had 25 catches for 508 yards and nine touchdowns for the season ... High School: All-league, all-region and all-state selection as a quarterback his senior year for Coach John Chaump and Neshaminy High ... Personal: Cornelius Lamont White ... Born 6/28/73 in Prince George's County, MD ... Son of Calvin and Deborah White ... Studying physical education.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1993	11	15	211	14.1	1	35
1994	10	11	142	12.9	0	25
1995	11	22	312	14.2	2	58
1996	11	30	449	15.0	4	72
Total	43	78	1114	14.3	7	72



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**Nat Williams**

DT • 6-2 • 271 • r-Fr. • 1VL  
Jacksonville, Fla.

A promising young defensive lineman who gained some valuable experience as one of the Hokies' top backups ...

Saw action in eight games during his first collegiate season ... 1996: Played a season-high 35 snaps against Boston College ... Contributed three quarterback hurries and a sack ... Had five tackles against Syracuse ... Also posted five tackles in the Pittsburgh game, including a sack for minus 12 yards ... Added another sack in the Virginia game ... Finished the season with 19 total tackles, including three sacks ... Pressured the quarterback six times and batted down a pass ... 1995: Worked at defensive tackle while being redshirted ... High School: Played at Andrew Jackson High School for Coach Dwayne Mitchell ... Registered 70 tackles and 20 assists in just five games ... Blocked two punts ... Personal: Nathaniel Lamar Williams ... Born 6/28/76 in Jacksonville, FL ... Son of Maxine Williams ... Is studying marketing.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1996	8	8	11	19	0- 0	3- 32

## OTHER VIRGINIA TECH PLAYERS



68 Chris Andreadis  
OG, 6-2, 305, Sr.  
Cedar Grove, N.J.



25 Shane Beamer  
DS, 5-11, 187, r-Fr.  
Blacksburg, Va.



53 Jason Buckland  
DE, 6-1, 232, r-Fr.  
Rich Creek, Va.



99 Chris Cyrus  
DE, 6-2, 244, r-Fr.  
Rustburg, Va.



86 Pedro Edison  
TE, 6-3, 245, r-Fr.  
Waynesboro, Va.



2 Tyron Edmond  
LB, 6-1, 199, So.  
Courtland, Va.



44 Shelly Ellison  
FB, 6-1, 247, r-Fr.  
Hampton, Va.



52 William Flowers  
OT, 6-4, 273, Jr.  
Vicksburg, Miss.



15 Marcus Gildersleeve  
FL, 5-7, 166, r-Fr.  
Clarksville, Tenn.



48 Ken Handy  
FL, 5-9, 163, So.  
Arlington, Va.



43 Michael Hawkes  
LB, 6-0, 234, r-Fr.  
Blackstone, Va.



42 Cullen Hawkins  
FB, 6-0, 195, Fr.  
Pittsburgh, Pa.



33 Steven Hunt  
FS, 5-11, 170, Fr.  
Blacksburg, Va.



91 Caleb Hurd  
H, 6-2, 174, Fr.  
Pulaski, Va.



26 Korey Irby  
LB, 6-0, 197, r-Jr.  
Washington, D.C.



24 Tony Joe  
CB, 6-1, 185, Jr.  
Elmira, N.Y.



18 Mike Kocicka  
QB, 6-3, 209, r-So.  
Valencia, Calif.



27 Aaron Layne  
TB, 5-10, 182, r-Jr.  
Orlando, Fla.



23 Jomo Nelson  
ROV, 5-10, 181, r-So.  
Salem, Va.



62 Tim Schnecker  
OG, 6-1, 269, Fr.  
Blacksburg, Va.



82 Chris Segaar  
FL, 6-0, 168, r-So.  
Annandale, Va.



89 Keith Short  
DT, 6-3, 257, r-Fr.  
Glen Allen, Va.



88 Sean Sullivan  
TE, 6-4, 245, r-Jr.  
Boca Raton, Fla.



36 Edmund Tan  
SE, 5-7, 163, r-Jr.  
Virginia Beach, Va.



29 Chad Vaughn  
CB, 5-8, 172, Sr.  
Burke, Va.



66 Todd Wheatley  
OG, 6-4, 300, r-So.  
Covington, Va.



11 Cody Whipple  
FS, 6-2, 197, r-Jr.  
Hiko, Nev.



# COACH Frank Beamer

## *The BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Year ... Again*



Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer is the BIG EAST Football Conference Coach of the Year for the second straight season — and it's easy to understand why.

Tech football under Beamer has soared to a new pinnacle of success in recent seasons with an unprecedented four straight bowl games, high national rankings and BIG EAST Conference championship banners in 1995 and 1996.

The 1996 Hokies, who are headed to the FedEx Orange Bowl, posted the most regular season wins in school history with a 10-1 record. After winning the BIG EAST Conference title outright in 1995, the Hokies shared it this season with Syracuse and Miami. Beamer now has guided the Hokies to two straight spots in the Bowl Alliance.

The 1995 Hokies proved to be one of the greatest teams in school history and capped a 10-game winning streak in the Nokia Sugar Bowl game against Texas with a 28-10 comeback victory that had Tech fans dancing in the streets of New Orleans.

Like his team, Beamer has come out of it all wearing blue ribbons. The top honor came when his coaching peers in the BIG

EAST picked him Coach of the Year for the second straight time this fall. He was named Virginia Coach of the Year by The College Sports Information Directors and numerous other clubs and organizations in 1995 and was one of five finalists in voting for the Bear Bryant Award as National Coach of the Year. Gary Barnett of Northwestern won that award.

The Virginia Tech administration also has taken note of Beamer's headline success. Last summer, the administration announced that it had reached an agreement with Beamer for a new five-year contract which will extend his tenure through the 2000 season.

The 1995 success was just a continuation of what had transpired in the two previous seasons. During the 1993 campaign, the Techmen fooled all the experts by posting a 9-3 record and winning the Independence Bowl game over Indiana. The 1994 team was 8-3 during the regular season before losing in the Gator Bowl to Tennessee. Beamer's overall record the past four seasons is 37-10.

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## FRANK BEAMER, CONTINUED

Going into the Orange Bowl, his Hokies have won 20 of their last 21 games.

A former star player at Tech, Beamer is completing his 10th season at the Tech helm as one of the most popular figures in Tech athletics. Director of Athletics Dave Braine says, "We think we have one of America's best football coaches and we want to make sure we keep him."

Beamer, Frank

### PERSONAL:

Birthplace: Mt. Airy, N.C.  
Hometown: Hillsville, Va.  
Wife: former Cheryl Oakley  
Children: Shane, Casey

### EDUCATION:

High School: Hillsville (1965)  
College: Virginia Tech (1969)  
Master's: Radford (1972)

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Virginia Tech (1966-68)

### COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1972 Graduate Assistant, Maryland  
1973-76 Assistant Coach, The Citadel  
1977-78 Defensive Coordinator, The Citadel  
1979-80 Defensive Coordinator, Murray State  
1981-86 Head Coach, Murray State  
1981 (8-3)  
1982 (4-7)  
1983 (7-4)  
1984 (9-2)  
1985 (7-3-1)  
1986 (7-4-1) Ohio Valley co-champion  
Record at Murray State: 42-23-2  
1987-96 Head Coach, Virginia Tech  
1987 (2-9)  
1988 (3-8)  
1989 (6-4-1)  
1990 (6-5)  
1991 (5-6)  
1992 (2-8-1)  
1993 (9-3) Independence Bowl champion  
1994 (8-4) Gator Bowl  
1995 (10-2) BIG EAST, Sugar Bowl champions  
1996 (10-1) BIG EAST co-champion  
Record at Virginia Tech: 61-50-2  
Overall head coaching record: 103-73-4

### BOWL EXPERIENCE:

#### Player

1966 Liberty (Virginia Tech vs. Miami)  
1968 Liberty (Virginia Tech vs. Mississippi)

#### Coach

1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)  
1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)  
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)  
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)



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**Coach Frank Beamer**  
with his wife Cheryl and  
daughter Casey.

Frank Beamer is a Virginia Tech man in every way. Three times in the past six years, he has given back part of his earnings to the university. This past summer, he and his wife Cheryl presented a \$50,000 gift to Tech. It was their second \$50,000 gift in five years.

Both have been earmarked for improvements to athletics facilities.

In 1990, Beamer received a new contract and a substantial pay raise. He refused the raise, however, until such time that all classified and faculty employees at Tech had the same opportunity for pay raises. Most state salaries had been frozen at the time.

The 50-year-old Beamer, first alumnus to guide the Hokie footballers in more than 40 years, took over the Tech reins in January, 1987. He began work just a few days after Tech had beaten North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl.

Beamer was a defensive back—and a good one—on Tech teams coached by Jerry Claiborne from 1966 through 1968. He participated in two Liberty Bowl games in 1966 and 1968 and made the All-Virginia Big Five Team in his senior season when he captained the Hokies.

Beamer was a dean's list student at Tech and was active

outside athletics as a member of Omicron Delta Kappa leadership fraternity. He was in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. He also served as president of the Tech Monogram Club.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in distributive education from Tech in 1969 and a master's in guidance from Radford in 1972. Then came the start of the Beamer coaching career.

He began as an assistant at Radford High School from 1969 through 1971. Then after one season as a graduate assistant at the University of Maryland, he went to The Citadel where he worked six years under Bobby Ross, the current coach of the San Diego Chargers, and one year under Art Baker. His last two years at The Citadel, Beamer was defensive coordinator.

It was 1979 that Beamer went to Murray State as defensive coordinator under Mike Gottfried. He had an immediate impact on Ohio Valley Conference football. With his arrival came the wide-tackle-six defense and the Racers vaulted to second in the nation in rushing defense and fourth in scoring defense that season.

Beamer was named head coach at Murray State in 1981 and went on to compile a six-year record of 42 wins, 23 losses and two ties. Counting his 10 years at Virginia Tech, the overall Beamer record as a head coach is 103-73-4.

The Tech coach was born in Mt. Airy, N.C. and raised in Hillsville, Va. At Hillsville High, he earned 11 varsity letters as a three-sport athlete in football, basketball and baseball. He was the starting quarterback and also a defensive back. In two seasons at quarterback, he passed for 43 touchdowns.

Beamer is married to the former Cheryl Oakley of Richmond, Va., and they have two children, a 19-year old son Shane, a sophomore at Tech who plays on the football team for his dad, and a 14-year-old daughter, Casey.

# A Talk with Frank Beamer

## **The Head Coach** **On the 1996 season:**

"I think we did what every football coach strives for and that is to show improvement as the season progresses, overcome adversity and play your best football at the end. You can't expect a 10-win season every year by accomplishing those goals. But if you do those things, your season will be successful."

## **On The Tech defense:**

"I thought we got a great coaching job by our defensive staff. We continued to improve even though we lost a lot of players for various reasons and the starting lineup changed from week to week. Generally, it is difficult to show improvement under those circumstances. Some young guys like John Engelberger and Anthony Midget stepped up and were instrumental in our success. It helped, too, that we had one of America's great players in Cornell Brown. My hat is off to the defensive staff and the players who made it work for us."

## **On The Tech offense:**

"Our offense did everything you could ask. The question mark going into the season was how quickly we would be able to develop players at the wide receiver positions. As it turned out, those positions proved to be very good. We got great play, a lot of outstanding catches from Corny White, Michael Stuewe and Shawn Scales. I also like the toughness we showed in running the football and the fact that we came up with a lot of big plays on offense."

## **On playing in the Orange Bowl:**

"Being one of the six teams in the country to qualify for an Alliance Bowl two years in a row says a lot about the type of football program we have at Virginia Tech. I'm very proud of what we have accomplished. I grew up watching the Orange Bowl on television. Usually, it was the last bowl game played on New Year's Day and to me it was the biggest and the best. To think now, that we are in that bowl game gives me great excitement. All of us at Virginia Tech are delighted to be headed to the Orange Bowl."

## **On playing Nebraska:**

"Nebraska probably has the most respected football program in the country and certainly has one of the most respected coaches in the college game in Tom Osborne. We are playing the two-time national champion, and a team that is just a few plays away from shooting for a third. We realize the great challenge involved. We also are honored to be on the same field with Nebraska and to have this opportunity."

## **On Tech's 12 All-BIG EAST performers:**

"Let me start by saying I am proud of the 12 who made the team. At the same time, I am disappointed that several players who were instrumental in our success were not named. But that is the way all-star balloting goes. All of us are excited for Jim Druckenmiller who was chosen co-Offensive Player of the Year. He truly deserved that honor. What a year Jim had! Making it even more special is the preparation he put in to get where he is today. He always had the talent, but it took a lot of work to develop that talent."

## **On his choice as BIG EAST Coach of the Year:**

"All that says is that I have excellent assistant coaches and good players. I try to provide an environment where they can do their thing. Believe me, they did it well this year. We got a great coaching job from Rickey Bustle, Bud Foster and all the guys who worked with them."

## **On The Bowl Alliance:**

"The Alliance is working well. And we now have a clear picture of what we can have in two years when other teams are added to the mix. Then it will be ideal because we can match No. 1 against No. 2 for the national championship every year. In my opinion, if you can have a national title game at one bowl and have 34 other college teams taking part in postseason activity, that is exactly the way it should be in college football."

## **On Tech's membership in the BIG EAST Conference:**

"The BIG EAST has been great for us. The conference has helped us to go to great bowls and to be on national television. I think Virginia Tech also has been good for the BIG EAST Conference. We bring to the conference a quality school that does things the right way. Hopefully, we are representing the BIG EAST well."







# COACHING Staff

## Billy Hite

### Assistant Head Coach and Running Backs Coach



Billy Hite, Virginia Tech's assistant head coach who directs the Hokies' "stallion running backs," will be coaching in his tenth bowl game at the 1996 FedEx Orange Bowl.

Hite has been a member of the Tech coaching staff since 1978 and was elevated to the position of assistant head coach by Frank Beamer seven years ago. His primary duty is with the running backs.

A native of Hyattsville, Md., Hite was a former star tailback at the University of North Carolina. He received one of his highest honors when he was inducted into the DeMatha High School Hall of Fame in 1992.

In 1989, Hite filled in as the acting head coach when Coach Beamer was sidelined following coronary angioplasty surgery and had to miss a home game versus Tulane. Hite didn't let the Tech faithful down as he led the Hokies to an emotional 30-13 victory.

Hite has instructed many talented Tech tailbacks and fullbacks, all of whom have been called "The Stallions." The 1996 backfield

features tailbacks Ken Oxendine and Marcus Parker and fullback Brian Edmonds.

As a player at North Carolina under Bill Dooley, Hite helped the Tar Heels to a 28-6 record during his undergraduate days from 1970-73 and received his B.S. degree in education in 1974.

Hite is married to the former Anne Heen of Memphis, Tenn., whom he met at North Carolina when they were students. They have two daughters, Kirsten Marie, 11, and Bryn Elizabeth Louise, 8, and a son, Griffin William, who turned 4 in October. In his spare time, Hite enjoys playing basketball and racquetball.

Hite, Billy



Billy Hite keeps "The Stallions" on the move.

#### PERSONAL:

Birthplace: Washington, D.C.

Hometown: Hyattsville, Md.

Wife: former Anne Heen

Children: Kirsten Marie, Bryn Elizabeth, Griffin William

#### EDUCATION:

High School: DeMatha High School (1969)

College: University of North Carolina (1974)

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

University of North Carolina (1970-74)

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1974-78 University of North Carolina (running backs)

1978-89 Virginia Tech (running backs)

1989-96 Virginia Tech (assistant head coach and running backs)

#### BOWL EXPERIENCE:

##### Player

1971 Sun (North Carolina vs. Texas Tech)

1972 Gator (North Carolina vs. Georgia)

##### Coach

1974 Sun (North Carolina vs. Mississippi State)

1976 Peach (North Carolina vs. Kentucky)

1977 Liberty (North Carolina vs. Nebraska)

1980 Peach (Virginia Tech vs. Miami)

1984 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)

1986 New Peach (Virginia Tech vs. N.C. State)

1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)

1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)

1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)

1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)



# Rickey Bustle

Offensive Coordinator and Quarterbacks Coach

Rickey Bustle has helped lead Tech to back-to-back Alliance Bowl appearances since returning in 1995 as Virginia Tech's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach after a one-year absence from the Hokie sideline.

The Hokies are 29-6 with Bustle calling the plays.

Bustle coached under Frank Beamer at Tech from 1987-93. He directed the 1993 offensive team that scored a school-record 400 points and rolled over Indiana, 45-20, in the Independence Bowl.

Bustle then went to South Carolina as offensive coordinator and enjoyed the same success in 1994. The Gamecocks posted a 7-5 record and beat West Virginia in the Carquest Bowl.

Bustle was a four-sport athlete at Summerville High School in South Carolina and earned three varsity letters as a wide receiver at Clemson. Following his graduation in 1977, he coached two seasons as a graduate assistant for the Tigers.

Bustle, Rickey

## PERSONAL:

Birthplace: Danville, Va.  
Hometown: Summerville, S.C.  
Wife: former Lynn Sanders  
Child: Brad

## EDUCATION:

High School: Summerville (S.C.) High School (1972)  
College: Clemson University (1977)

## PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Clemson University (1973-76)

## COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1977-78 Clemson (graduate assistant)  
1979 Gardner-Webb College (defensive coordinator)  
1980-81 East Carolina (defensive backfield)  
1982 East Carolina (receivers)  
1983 USFL's Arizona Wranglers (running backs)  
1984-85 Northeast Louisiana (running backs)  
1986 Northeast Louisiana (off. co./quarterbacks)  
1987-92 Virginia Tech (quarterbacks/receivers)  
1993 Virginia Tech (off. coordinator/quarterbacks)  
1994 South Carolina (off. coordinator/quarterbacks)  
1995-96 Virginia Tech (off. coordinator/quarterbacks)

## BOWL EXPERIENCE:

### Graduate Assistant

1977 Gator (Clemson vs. Pittsburgh)  
1978 Gator (Clemson vs. Ohio State)

### Coach

1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)  
1994 Carquest (South Carolina vs. West Virginia)  
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)  
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)

In 1979, he became defensive coordinator for Gardner-Webb College in North Carolina. One season later, he joined the staff at East Carolina as a defensive backfield coach. After two seasons in that position, he was named receivers coach of the Pirates.

In 1983, Bustle became the running backs coach for the Arizona Wranglers of the USFL. In 1984, he joined the staff at Northeast Louisiana as offensive coordinator, a post he held for three years before beginning his career at Tech.

Bustle is married to the former Lynn Sanders of Charleston, S.C., and they have a son, Brad, who is 9 years old.



Rickey Bustle has helped produce a patent Tech offensive attack.

# Bud Foster

## Defensive Coordinator, Inside Linebackers and Special Teams Coach



After taking over the defensive coordinating duties he shared in 1995, Bud Foster helped lead the 10-1 Hokies to their best-ever regular season in 1996 and a second consecutive Alliance Bowl bid as the best team in the BIG EAST Football Conference.

Foster, who is marking his 10th year at Virginia Tech, has worn several coaching hats during that decade. He coached the inside linebackers for one year in 1987, then tutored the outside linebackers for the next five seasons. He assumed responsibility for both sets of linebackers prior to the 1993 season and also took over special-teams coaching that year. Foster coached the inside linebackers and special teams in 1994, and added co-defensive coordinator to his duties in 1995.

Foster, 37, came to Blacksburg from Murray State University, where he coached the inside and outside linebackers for four years under Frank Beamer. Prior to assuming a full-time assistant's job, Foster served for two years as a graduate assistant at MSU.

A 1981 graduate of Murray State, Foster was an outstanding strong safety and outside linebacker from 1977 to 1980.

Foster, Bud

### PERSONAL:

Birthplace: Somerset, Ky.  
Hometown: Nokomis, Ill.  
Wife: former Jacqueline Travis  
Children: Ammie, Grant, Hilary

### EDUCATION:

High School: Nokomis (Ill.) High School (1977)  
College: Murray State (1981)

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Murray State (1977-80)

### COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1981-82 Murray State (graduate assistant)  
1983-85 Murray State (outside linebackers)  
1986 Murray State (linebackers/special teams)  
1987 Virginia Tech (inside linebackers)  
1988-92 Virginia Tech (outside linebackers)  
1993 Virginia Tech (linebackers/special teams)  
1994 Virginia Tech (inside backers/special tms.)  
1995-96 Virginia Tech (co-defensive coordinator/  
inside linebackers/special teams)

### BOWL EXPERIENCE:

#### Player

1979 Division I-AA Playoff semifinals  
(Murray State vs. Lehigh)

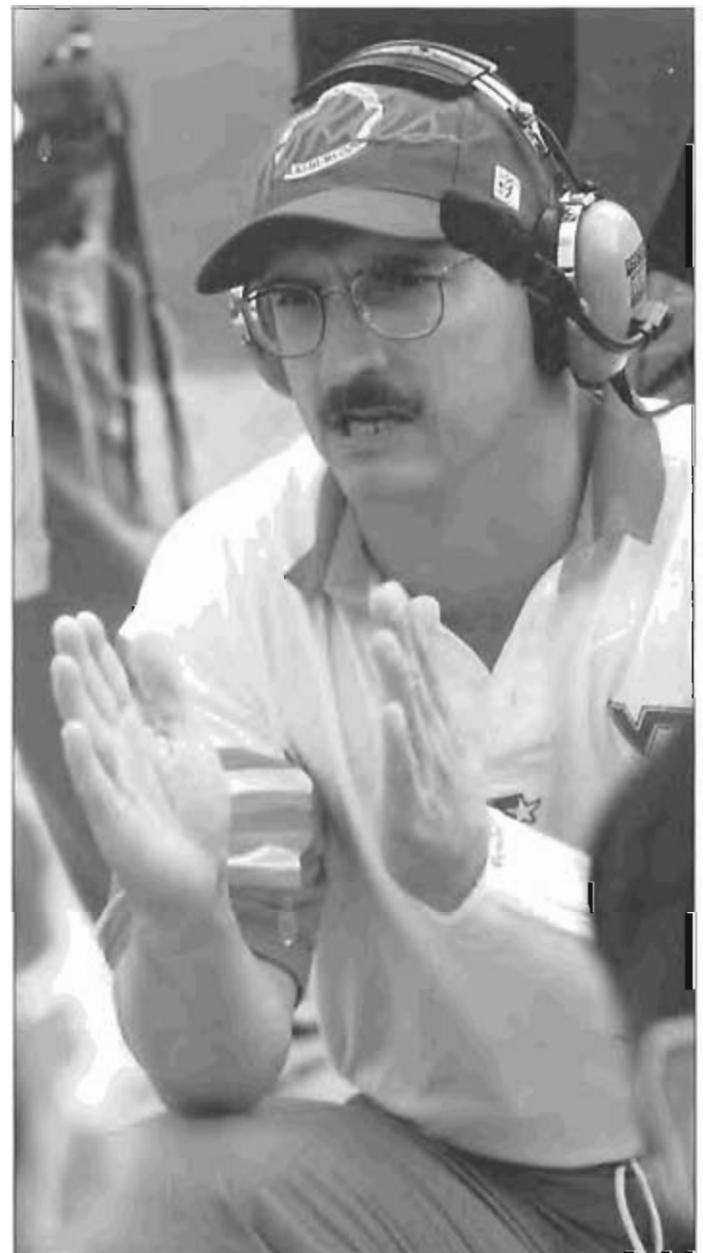
#### Coach

1986 Division I-AA Playoff quarterfinals  
(Murray State vs. Eastern Illinois)  
1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)  
1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)  
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)  
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)

He helped lead the Racers to the 1979 Ohio Valley Conference championship and finished his career with 220 tackles.

At Nokomis High School in his native Nokomis, Ill., Foster played on both sides of the football. He gained over 2,100 yards during three years at halfback. He also led the team in tackles during his junior and senior seasons.

Foster and his wife Jacqueline have three children: Ammie, 17; Grant, 10; and Hilary, 8. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family.



Bud Foster talks to his troops on the sideline.





# Jim Cavanaugh

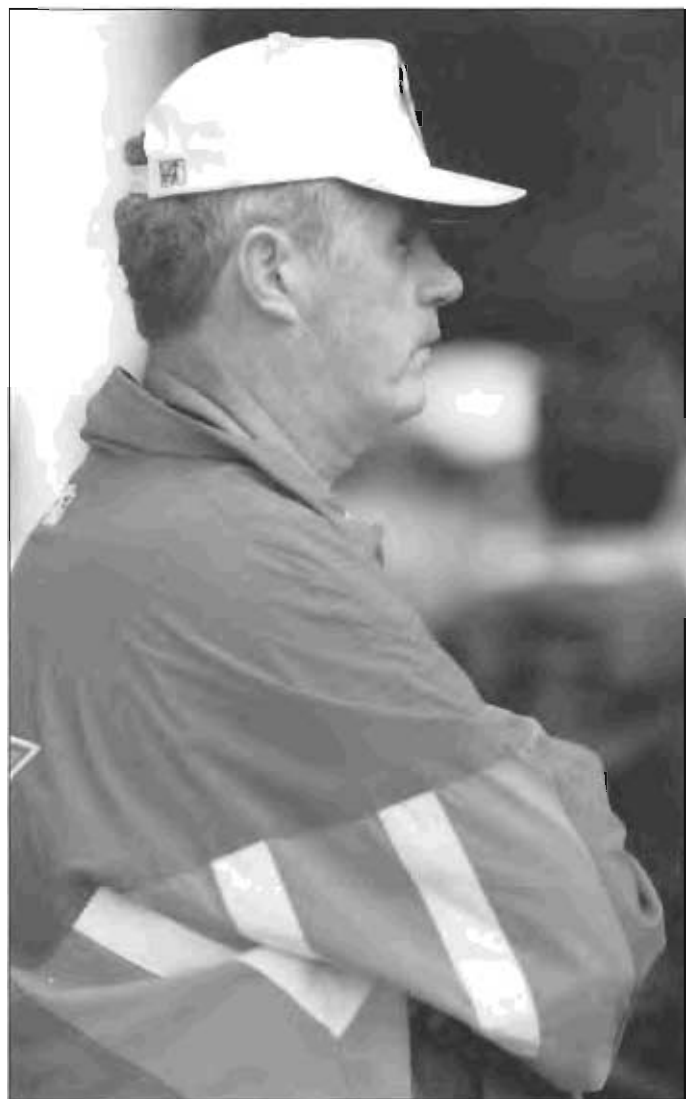
**Strong Safety and Outside Linebackers Coach**

Jim Cavanaugh, who directs the strong safeties and outside linebackers for Virginia Tech, will be coaching in his 13th bowl game when the Hokies take the field at Pro Player Stadium in Miami, Fla., for the 1996 FedEx Orange Bowl.

A former star receiver at William & Mary, Cavanaugh has had Virginia ties throughout most of his 24-year college coaching career. He has coached at two other Virginia schools, VMI and the University of Virginia.

He coached at Maryland from 1982 through 1987, first under Bobby Ross and then Joe Krivak, and was the wide receivers coach at the University of North Carolina for eight years.

Earlier, Cavanaugh had served two tours at North Carolina State, sandwiched around a three-year stint under Bob Thalman at VMI, one year at Virginia and two years at Marshall.



*Jim Cavanaugh brings a wealth of experience to the Tech staff.*

He has had a hand in six conference championships.

While playing at William & Mary, Cavanaugh broke the school's record in receiving with 117 catches and over 1600 yards. He was named an honorable mention All-American in 1967.

He is married to the former Marsha Carnell. They have two children, Ryan, who is a freshman at Appalachian State University; and Lauren, who is a junior at Blacksburg High School.

Cavanaugh, Jim

## PERSONAL:

Birthplace: Queens, N.Y.C., N.Y.

Hometown: Queens, N.Y.C., N.Y.

Wife: former Marsha Carnell

Children: Ryan, Lauren

## EDUCATION:

High School: Chaminade High School (1966)

College: College of William & Mary (1970)

North Carolina State University (1974)

## PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

College of William & Mary (1967-69)

## COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 1970 Newport News (Va.) High School
- 1971 Denbigh (Va.) High School
- 1972-73 North Carolina State (graduate assistant)
- 1974-75 VMI (receivers)
- 1976 VMI (running backs)
- 1977-78 North Carolina State (receivers)
- 1979-80 Marshall (off. coordinator/quarterbacks)
- 1981 Virginia (receivers)
- 1982-86 Maryland (running backs)
- 1987 Maryland (offensive coordinator)
- 1988-95 North Carolina (receivers)
- 1996 Virginia Tech (strong safety, outside linebackers)

## BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach

- 1972 Peach (N.C. State vs. West Virginia)
- 1973 Liberty (N.C. State vs. Kansas)
- 1977 Peach (N.C. State vs. Iowa State)
- 1978 Tangerine (N.C. State vs. Pittsburgh)
- 1982 Aloha (Maryland vs. Washington)
- 1983 Citrus (Maryland vs. Tennessee)
- 1984 Sun (Maryland vs. Tennessee)
- 1985 Cherry (Maryland vs. Syracuse)
- 1993 Peach (North Carolina vs. Mississippi State)
- 1993 Gator (North Carolina vs. Alabama)
- 1994 Sun (North Carolina vs. Texas)
- 1995 Carquest (North Carolina vs. Arkansas)
- 1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)

## COACHING STAFF

# J.B. Grimes

## Offensive Line Coach



J.B. Grimes coaches the big offensive line that has helped push Orange Bowl-bound Virginia Tech to a 10-1 record and a fourth consecutive postseason bowl game.

In 1995, Tech's offensive line coach helped guide the Hokies to a 28-10 victory over Texas in the Sugar Bowl. In his first year as an assistant at Tech, 1993, he helped direct the Hokies to an Independence Bowl victory over Indiana of the Big Ten. He was instrumental in the success of the 1994 club which lost to Tennessee in the Gator Bowl.

One of Grimes' star pupils at Tech was center Jim Pyne, a unanimous All-American in 1993.

A native of Clarendon, Ark., Grimes has coached in seven bowl games. Besides his Tech appearances in bowls, he coached in the 1981 Gator Bowl, the 1982 Bluebonnet Bowl, the 1989 Cotton Bowl and the 1991 Independence Bowl.

Grimes came to Tech in 1993 from Arkansas where he worked under three different head coaches, Ken Hatfield, Jack Crowe and Joe Kines.

Grimes is a 1977 graduate of Henderson State University in Arkansas. While there, he was a four-year letterman at offensive guard on a team that sparked in NAIA play. He played in the NAIA championship game in 1974.

He began his coaching career at the high school level in Arkansas before enrolling at Northeast Louisiana to pursue a master's degree. He received the master's in 1980 while serving as a graduate assistant under Northeast Louisiana head coach John David Crowe.

In 1981 and 1982, he was a graduate assistant under Lou Holtz



*J.B. Grimes keeps tabs on the men in the trenches.*

at Arkansas. He moved to Delta State, where he held his first full-time coaching position, and Missouri. He returned to Northeast Louisiana in 1985. As offensive line coach there, he helped guide Northeast Louisiana to the 1987 Division I-AA national championship. That was when he returned to the staff at the University of Arkansas.

Grimes and his wife Jennifer have four children, Lindsey, 13; Nick, 10; Aaron, 7; and Danielle, 5.

One of the family's favorite pastimes is camping.

Grimes, J.B.

### PERSONAL:

Birthplace: Memphis, Tenn.

Hometown: Clarendon, Ark.

Wife: former Jennifer Graves

Children: Lindsey, Nick, Aaron and Danielle

### EDUCATION:

High School: Clarendon (Ark.) High School (1973)

College: Henderson State (1977)

Graduate: Northeast Louisiana (1980)

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Henderson State (1973-76)

### COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 1977 Nashville (Ark.) High School
- 1978 Des Arc (Ark.) High School
- 1979-80 Northeast Louisiana (graduate assistant)
- 1981-82 Arkansas (offensive line)
- 1983 Delta State (offensive line)
- 1984 Missouri (offensive line)
- 1985-88 Northeast Louisiana (offensive line)
- 1989-92 Arkansas (offensive line)
- 1993-96 Virginia Tech (offensive line)

### BOWL EXPERIENCE:

#### Player

- 1974 NAIA Division I national title game  
(Henderson State vs. Texas A&I)
- 1976 Bicentennial Bowl  
(Henderson State vs. East Cent. Okla.)

#### Coach

- 1981 Gator (Arkansas vs. North Carolina)
- 1982 Bluebonnet (Arkansas vs. Florida)
- 1987 Division I-AA National Title Game  
(Northeast Louisiana vs. Marshall)
- 1989 Cotton (Arkansas vs. Tennessee)
- 1991 Independence (Arkansas vs. Georgia)
- 1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)
- 1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)
- 1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)
- 1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)



# Bryan Stinespring

**Tight Ends and  
Assistant Offensive Line Coach**

Stinespring, B.

In four seasons as coach of the Hokies' tight ends and an assistant working with the offensive line, Bryan Stinespring has helped propel Virginia Tech to four consecutive bowl games. For the past three years, he also has been the Hokies' recruiting coordinator and has contributed greatly to bringing in the type of outstanding recruiting classes that will keep Tech in the hunt for postseason action year in and year out.

Stinespring's familiarity with the Tech offensive scheme comes from the two years he spent as a Tech graduate assistant coach of the offensive line. Then he served as the director of sports programs in 1992.

As a member of the Tech coaching staff, Stinespring helped guide the tight ends and offensive line to a 45-20 defeat of Indiana University in the 1993 Independence Bowl, a berth in the 1994 Gator Bowl, and an impressive 28-10 victory over the Texas Longhorns in the 1995 Sugar Bowl.

A native of Clifton Forge, Va., Stinespring was a walk-on player for James Madison in the early 1980s. He served as a teacher and coach at Lexington High School and helped the football squad win its lone state championship in 1988. He was also the coach of the Patrick Henry High School football team before joining the Tech program in 1990.

Stinespring is married to the former Shelley Franklin of Richmond, Va. She is a secretary in the Tech football office. The couple has a son, Daniel, who is two years old. Stinespring enjoys golf, fishing and spending time with his wife and son.

## PERSONAL:

Birthplace: Clifton Forge, Va.  
Hometown: Clifton Forge, Va.  
Wife: former Shelley Franklin  
Child: Daniel Franklin

## EDUCATION:

High School: Clifton Forge (Va.) High School (1982)  
College: James Madison University (1986)

## COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1986-89 Lexington (Va.) High School  
1989-90 Patrick Henry (Va.) High School  
1990-92 Virginia Tech (graduate assistant)  
1993-96 Virginia Tech (tight ends/assistant off. line)

## BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach	
1993	Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)
1994	Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)
1995	Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)
1996	Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)



*Bryan Stinespring (right) confers with the head man.*



# Terry Strock

## Receivers Coach



The FedEx Orange Bowl will be the 17th bowl game Virginia Tech receivers coach Terry Strock has participated in during his 29 years in college football.

Strock is comfortable in Blacksburg where he began his career as an undergraduate. He was a halfback on Tech's football squad and a shortstop for the baseball team. He later coached for five

Strock, Terry

### PERSONAL:

Birthplace: Hagerstown, Md.  
Hometown: Hagerstown, Md.  
Wife: former Cindy Fralin  
Children: Cheryl Lee, Christl Lynn

### EDUCATION:

High School: South Hagerstown (Md.) High School (1957)  
College: Virginia Tech (1962)

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Virginia Tech (1957-61)

### COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1963-64 Colonial Heights (Va.) High School  
1964-65 Culpeper (Va.) High School  
1966-67 Virginia Tech (tight ends and receivers)  
1968-70 Virginia Tech (defensive backs)  
1972-81 Maryland (defensive backs)  
1982-83 Kentucky (defensive backs)  
1984-89 Kentucky (defensive coordinator/linebackers)  
1990-91 Georgia Tech (receivers)  
1992 Virginia Tech (defensive ends)  
1993-96 Virginia Tech (receivers)

### BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach

1966 Liberty (Virginia Tech vs. Miami)  
1968 Liberty (Virginia Tech vs. Mississippi)  
1973 Peach (Maryland vs. Georgia)  
1974 Liberty (Maryland vs. Tennessee)  
1975 Gator (Maryland vs. Florida)  
1976 Cotton (Maryland vs. Houston)  
1977 Hall of Fame (Maryland vs. Minnesota)  
1978 Sun (Maryland vs. Texas)  
1980 Tangerine (Maryland vs. Florida)  
1983 Hall of Fame (Kentucky vs. West Virginia)  
1984 Hall of Fame (Kentucky vs. Wisconsin)  
1990 Citrus (Georgia Tech vs. Nebraska)  
1991 Aloha (Georgia Tech vs. Stanford)  
1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)  
1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)  
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)  
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)

years at Tech and one of the men he tutored was current head coach Frank Beamer.

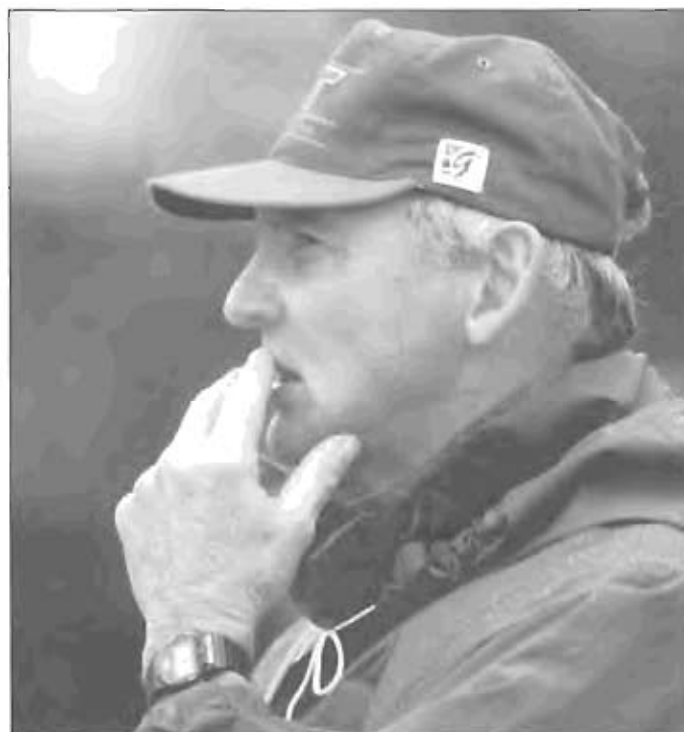
Strock formerly coached receivers for two years at Georgia Tech under current San Diego Chargers head coach Bobby Ross. In 1990, Strock helped Georgia Tech to an 11-0-1 record and a share of the national championship with a victory over Nebraska in the Citrus Bowl.

Strock began his coaching career by working 23 years with former Tech coach Jerry Claiborne. He spent eight of those years at Kentucky as the defensive coordinator and linebacker coach. He also spent 10 seasons at Maryland as the defensive backfield coach. While at Tech under Claiborne, Strock coached the defensive backs for three seasons and the receivers for two years. One of Strock's Tech receivers, Antonio Freeman, now plays for the Green Bay Packers.

Of Strock's 16 bowl appearances, five have been at Virginia Tech, seven at Maryland, two at Kentucky and two at Georgia Tech. Anticipating his 200th career victory this season, Strock's overall coaching record as a collegiate assistant coach stands at 197-125-10, including 19 winning seasons and two break-even years.

A native of Hagerstown, Md., Strock earned his B.S. degree in business administration at Virginia Tech. He received the coveted Williams Award for athletic leadership and was vice president of both the Monogram and German Clubs.

He is married to the former Cynthia Fralin of Rocky Mount, Va. They have two daughters, Cheryl Lee, currently working in Lexington, Ky.; and Christl Lynn Strock McCarthy, a 1991 graduate of Virginia Tech.



Terry Strock has had a long headline career.



# Lou West

## Defensive Backfield Coach

West, Lou

In his two seasons at Virginia Tech, defensive backfield coach Lou West has helped the Hokies to consecutive Alliance Bowl appearances.

A native of Washington, Pa., West grew up in Niles, Ohio, and attended the University of Cincinnati. He was a defensive backfield star with the Bearcats and played in both the Blue-Gray Classic and the North-South Shrine Bowl in the fall of 1976, his senior season.

West took his first coaching job as a graduate assistant at Arizona in 1977. He held positions at Arizona Western Junior College, Middle Tennessee State, Minnesota, Kansas and Western Michigan before returning to Cincinnati in 1988.

He served in dual capacity as intramural director and as both the defensive backfield coach and defensive coordinator at Arizona Western. The 1980 squad won the league title and appeared in the Beef Empire Bowl where the Matadors lost to Coffeyville, 7-6, a team led by future NFL players Mike Rozier and Mel Grey.

West coached the defensive backs, outside linebackers and tight ends at Cincinnati for six years before joining the staff of Kent State. He came to Tech following one season with the Golden Flashes.

West, 42, and his wife, Gail, have three children: Andre, 15, Adrian, 10, and Alexandria, 6.

### PERSONAL:

Birthplace: Washington, Pennsylvania  
Hometown: Niles, Ohio  
Wife: former Gail Evans  
Children: Andre, Adrian, Alexandria

### EDUCATION:

High School: Niles-McKinley (Ohio) High School  
College: University of Cincinnati (1977)  
Graduate: University of Arizona (1980)

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Cincinnati (1973-76)

### COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1977 Arizona (graduate assistant)  
1979-80 Arizona Western J.C. (DBs, intramural director)  
1981-82 Middle Tennessee State (defensive backs)  
1983 Minnesota (defensive backs)  
1984-85 Western Michigan (DBs, outside linebackers)  
1986-87 Kansas (defensive backs)  
1988-93 Cincinnati (defensive backs, outside LBs, TEs)  
1994 Kent State (defensive backs)  
1995-96 Virginia Tech (defensive backs)

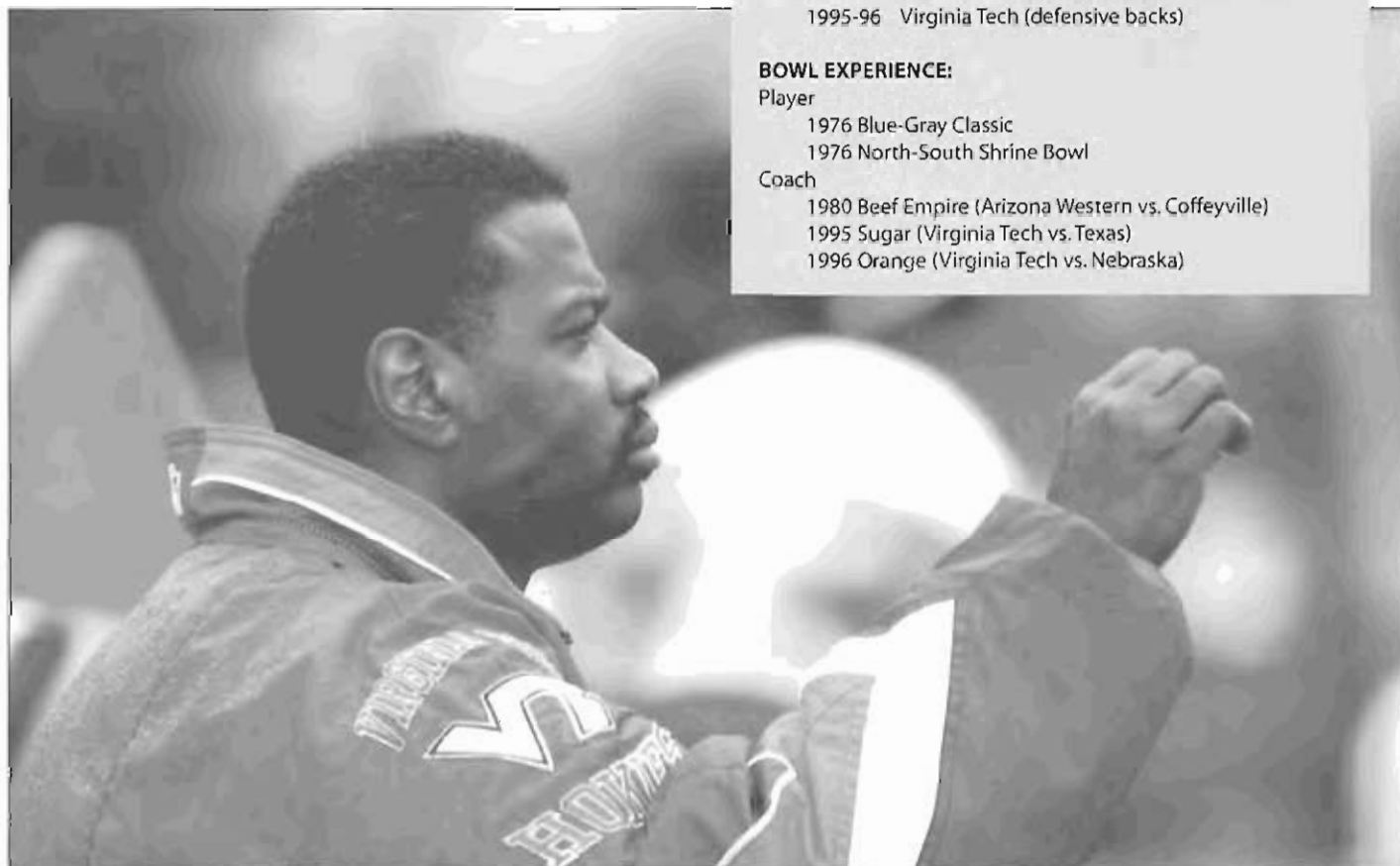
### BOWL EXPERIENCE:

#### Player

1976 Blue-Gray Classic  
1976 North-South Shrine Bowl

#### Coach

1980 Beef Empire (Arizona Western vs. Coffeyville)  
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)  
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)



Lou West directs the men in the secondary.

## COACHING STAFF

# Charley Wiles

## Defensive Line Coach



In his first year as a member of Frank Beamer's football staff at Virginia Tech, defensive line coach Charley Wiles helped guide the Hokies to a 10-1 record and a berth in the 1996 FedEx Orange Bowl.

Wiles replaced Todd Grantham, who resigned to take a similar position at Michigan State.

In 1995, Wiles helped coach Murray State to an 11-0 regular season record and a berth in the National Division I-AA playoffs.

Wiles, 32, made Kodak Division I-AA All-America as an offensive lineman under Beamer when the veteran Tech coach was at the helm of Murray State football in 1986. Wiles later joined Beamer's

Tech staff as a graduate assistant for two seasons in 1987 and 1988.

After spending one year on the staff at East Tennessee State, Wiles was a full-time member of the Murray State staff for six years and was appointed co-defensive coordinator. During his time on the Racers' staff, he coached linebackers, defensive ends and running backs.

He also served as Murray State's recruiting coordinator, helping to attract many of the Racers' most outstanding players.

Wiles is a native of DeLand, Fla., and was a three-sport star at DeLand High School.

"It was a goal of mine to get back to Virginia Tech in a full-time capacity," Wiles said. "Our Murray State staff came here last year and studied the Tech 'Attack Defense.' We went back and installed the same defense at Murray State. We had been ranked 110th in defense and moved up to sixth. I think our success with the defense at Murray State was a key in Coach Beamer hiring me."

Wiles is married to the former Andrea Wilder of Boonville, Ind. They have an infant daughter, Kendall.

Wiles, Charley



Charley Wiles oversees the defensive action.

### PERSONAL:

Birthplace: Nashville, Tenn.  
Hometown: DeLand, Fla.  
Wife: former Andrea Wilder  
Child: Kendall

### EDUCATION:

High School: DeLand High School  
College: Murray State (1987)  
Graduate: Virginia Tech (1989)

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Murray State (1983-86)

### COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1987-88 Virginia Tech (graduate assistant)  
1989 East Tennessee State (offensive line)  
1990-91 Murray State (defensive ends)  
1992 Murray State (running backs)  
1993-95 Murray State (linebackers)  
1995 Murray State (co-def. coordinator)  
1996 Virginia Tech (defensive line)

### BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player	
1986	Division I-AA Playoff Quarterfinals (Murray State vs. Eastern Illinois)
Coach	
1995	Division I-AA Playoff Quarterfinals (Murray State vs. Northern Iowa)
1996	Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)



# John Ballein

**Assistant Athletic Director  
For Football Operations**

John Ballein, a veteran of eight years in Virginia Tech athletics, was elevated this fall to a key position as assistant athletic director for football operations.

Ballein is responsible for all operations dealing with the football program. His most recent assignment has been as assistant to head coach Frank Beamer and departmental recruiting coordinator and he will continue in both those capacities.

A native of Bentleyville, Pa., Ballein was a linebacker at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and graduated there with a

degree in health and physical education in 1983. He later earned a master's degree in education from Old Dominion University in 1985.

He completed his studies at ODU while teaching and coaching football in 1983 at Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth, Va., and at Western Branch High in Chesapeake, Va., in 1985.

Ballein served on Beamer's first Virginia Tech staff in 1987 as a graduate assistant coach. In 1988, he accepted a running backs coach position at Western Kentucky

## Graduate Assistants



*Brent Pry*



*Daniel Ferrell*

University, but returned to Tech a year later as recruiting coordinator.

Ballein is married to the former Stephanie Green, who was a basketball player at Tech in her undergraduate days. They have a one-year-old daughter, Jordan Gray.

# Strength and Conditioning

Under the direction of Mike Gentry, the strength and conditioning program has become a major part of the success of Virginia Tech football, resulting in four consecutive bowl appearances.

"Since 1987, our strength and conditioning program has developed a tradition," said Gentry, now in his 10th year at Tech as strength and conditioning coach. "We have a team dedicated to training hard and striving for excellence. The younger student-athletes see the upperclassmen's intensity, and it makes everyone want to train to be one's best."

"Our strength and conditioning program is designed to help our student-athletes build overall strength and endurance, while helping them develop self-discipline and realize their potential as athletes," Gentry said. "We have a comprehensive program utilizing strength/power training, plyometrics, sprint conditioning and flexibility training. Our goal is to become one of the most physical teams in the nation."

Tech athletes train in the Jim "Bulldog" Haren Weight Room which was officially dedicated in September 1985 to Haren, a former Hokie player and long-time supporter of the Virginia Tech Athletic Department.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held November 23 to begin the construction of an \$8 million building, which will house additional weight room facilities.

The Merryman Athletic Center will be

named for the F.W. (Sonny) Merryman, Jr., family of Rustburg, Va., which has presented the University a large gift for the athletic project. Located adjacent to the Jamerson Athletic Center, the 24,150 square-foot first floor will include a conditioning and weightlifting complex, a multi-purpose gymnasium and an area for sports medicine and training.

The Tech football strength program centers around four major lifts. The bench press and back squat are lifts for building all-around strength; the push jerk and hang clean help players develop explosive power. Gentry's program also includes conditioning and speed development, which the players do in the Rector Field House and on the practice fields around the Jamerson Athletic Center.

Each player has personal goals which he works to achieve. The team is broken down into four groups based on the positions that are relevant to the players' body size. The players work to progress from Maroon, Orange, Hokie and Iron Hokie status to the Super Iron Hokie level.

Head Coach Frank Beamer said, "There is no question about the value and importance of weight training as an ingredient to winning. We're very fortunate to have Mike

running our strength and conditioning program."

A Durham, N.C., native, Gentry received a B.S. degree in physical education from Western Carolina University in 1979. Gentry received his master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1981 where he worked as an assistant strength coach. He then went to East Carolina University as head strength coach in 1982. He worked at East Carolina until he came to Virginia Tech in 1987.

In 1995 and 1996, Gentry was recognized by the National Strength and Conditioning Association as a finalist for National Strength and Conditioning Professional of the Year.

Assisting Gentry this year are three full-time assistant strength and conditioning coaches: Jim Whitten, Jen Neziol and Sonny Sano. Whitten is in his second season on the strength and conditioning staff. His duties include assisting with football and men's and women's basketball. Whitten is a former Hokie football team captain and four-year starter at defensive end.

Neziol joined the Tech staff in 1995 from Miami (Ohio). Sano is the most recent addition to the strength and conditioning staff. Prior to joining the Hokies, Sano was a graduate assistant at East Carolina University.

Gentry will also have the assistance of Ernest Jones, who will serve as a graduate assistant. Jones, a former Tech fullback, began this past summer.



*Mike Gentry*





# HOKIES Roster

68 Chris Andreadis ..... OG, 6-2, 305, Sr.  
Cedar Grove, N.J., St. Peter's Prep, Rich Hansen

9 Antonio Banks\*\*\* ..... CB, 5-10, 195, Sr.  
Newport News, Va., Warwick, Bill Lyons

25 Shane Beamer ..... DS, 5-11, 187, r-Fr.  
Blacksburg, Va., Blacksburg, Dave Crist

94 Jason Berish\* ..... DE, 6-3, 224, r-So.  
McMurray, Pa., Peters Township, Garry Cathell

77 Carl Bradley ..... DT, 6-2, 261, Fr.  
Lynchburg, Va., E.C. Glass, Bo Henson

58 Cornell Brown\*\*\* ..... DE, 6-2, 246, Sr.  
Lynchburg, Va., E.C. Glass, Bo Henson

53 Jason Buckland ..... LB, 6-1, 232, r-Fr.  
Rich Creek, Va., Narrows, Don Lowe

1 Keion Carpenter\* ..... FS, 6-0, 199, So.  
Baltimore, Md., Woodlawn, Brian Scriven

5 Al Clark\* ..... QB, 6-1, 198, r-So.  
Washington, D.C., Archbishop Carroll, Sam Taylor

61 Billy Conaty\*\*\* ..... C, 6-3, 298, r-Sr.  
Pennsauken, N.J., Camden Catholic, Bill Atkisson

13 James Crawford ..... SE, 6-2, 205, r-So.  
Blacksburg, Va., Deerfield Beach (Fla.), Kevin Sullivan

99 Chris Cyrus ..... DE, 6-2, 244, r-Fr.  
Rustburg, Va., Brookville, Mark Lineburg

64 Gennaro DiNapoli\*\*\* ..... OG, 6-3, 295, Jr.  
Cazenovia, N.Y., Cazenovia Central, Tom Neidl

16 Jim Druckenmiller\*\*\* ..... QB, 6-4, 224, r-Sr.  
Northampton, Pa., Northampton, Andy Melosky

86 Pedro Edison\$ ..... TE, 6-3, 245, r-Fr.  
Waynesboro, Va., Waynesboro, C.J. Dewitt

2 Tyron Edmond\* ..... LB, 6-1, 199, So.  
Courtland, Va., Sussex Central, Dwight Reagan

32 Brian Edmonds\*\*\* ..... FB, 5-10, 250, r-Sr.  
Blackstone, Va., Nottoway, Joe May

44 Shelly Ellison@ ..... FB, 6-1, 247, r-Fr.  
Hampton, Va., Hampton, Mike Smith

87 John Engelberger ..... DE, 6-4, 245, r-Fr.  
Springfield, Va., Robert E. Lee, Joe Muskell

52 William Flowers## ..... OT, 6-4, 273, Jr.  
Vicksburg, Miss., Vicksburg, J.W. Knox

15 Marcus Gildersleeve ..... FL, 5-7, 166, r-Fr.  
Clarksville, Tenn., Northeast, Rick Butler

17 Shayne Graham ..... PK, 5-11, 185, Fr.  
Dublin, Va., Pulaski County, Joel Hicks

14 Torrian Gray\*\*\* ..... FS, 6-0, 204, r-Sr.  
Lakeland, Fla., Kathleen, Ernest Joe

71 Jay Hagood\*\*\* ..... OT, 6-4, 313, r-Sr.  
Easley, S.C., Easley, Larry Bagwell

93 Kerwin Hairston ..... DT, 6-2, 272, r-Jr.  
Martinsville, Va., Fieldale-Collinsville, Richard Savedge

48 Ken Handy ..... FL, 5-9, 163, So.  
Arlington, Va., Yorktown, Bruce Hanson

43 Michael Hawkes ..... LB, 6-0, 234, r-Fr.  
Blackstone, Va., Nottoway, Joe May

42 Cullen Hawkins ..... FB, 6-0, 195, Fr.  
Pittsburgh, Pa., Upper St. Clair, Jim Render

33 Steven Hunt ..... FS, 5-11, 170, Fr.  
Blacksburg, Va., Blacksburg, Dave Crist

91 Caleb Hurd ..... H, 6-2, 174, Fr.  
Pulaski, Va., Pulaski County, Joel Hicks

26 Korey Irby\*\* ..... LB, 6-0, 197, r-Jr.  
Washington, D.C., DeMatha, Bill McGregor

98 Waverly Jackson\*\*\* ..... DT, 6-3, 298, r-Sr.  
South Hill, Va., Park View, Wade Crutchfield

81 Bryan Jennings\*\*\* ..... TE, 6-4, 254, Sr.  
Forest, Va., Jefferson Forest, Bob Christmas

24 Tony Joe+ ..... CB, 6-1, 185, Jr.  
Elmira, N.Y., Horseheads, Bill Carney

12 Loren Johnson\* ..... CB, 5-10, 176, So.  
Miramar, Fla., Miramar, Mark Guandolo

95 Jimmy Kibble ..... PK, 5-10, 178, r-Fr.  
Manassas, Va., Osbourn Park, Chuck Hornfeck

18 Mike Kocicka++ ..... QB, 6-3, 209, r-So.  
Valencia, Calif., Hart, Mike Herrington

27 Aaron Layne ..... TB, 5-10, 182, r-Jr.  
Orlando, Fla., Dr. Phillips, Tom Carlsen

30 Anthony Midget ..... CB, 5-11, 174, Fr.  
Clewiston, Fla., Clewiston, Al Morrell

40 Shaine Miles\*\*\* ..... TE, 6-1, 242, r-Sr.  
Salem, Va., Salem, Willis White

8 Tony Morrison\*\* ..... LB, 6-1, 231, Jr.  
Chesapeake, Va., Indian River, Bobby Parker

23 Jomo Nelson\* ..... ROV, 5-10, 181, r-So.  
Salem, Va., Salem, Willis White

55 Myron Newsome\*\*\* ..... LB, 5-9, 218, Sr.  
Hampton, Va., Hampton, Mike Smith

28 Ken Oxendine\*\* ..... TB, 6-1, 225, Jr.  
Chester, Va., Thomas Dale, Vic Williams

34 Marcus Parker\*\* ..... TB, 5-10, 221, Jr.  
Roanoke, Va., Salem, Willis White

20 Pierson Prioleau\* ..... ROV, 5-10, 174, So.  
Alvin, S.C., Macedonia, Phillip Morgan

22 Shawn Scales\*\* ..... FL, 5-11, 180, r-Jr.  
Woodbridge, Va., Woodbridge, Ron Davis

62 Tim Schnecker ..... OG, 6-1, 269, Fr.  
Blacksburg, Va., Blacksburg, Dave Crist

82 Chris Segaar ..... FL, 6-0, 168, r-So.  
Annandale, Va., Annandale, Dick Adams

21 Brandon Semones\*\*\* ..... LB, 6-0, 202, Sr.  
Salem, Va., Glenvar, Brian Hooker

89 Keith Short ..... DT, 6-3, 257, r-Fr.  
Glen Allen, Va., Patrick Henry, Ray Long, Jr.

74 Derek Smith ..... OT, 6-6, 288, r-So.  
Kearneysville, W.Va., Jefferson, John Kirby

46 Jamel Smith ..... LB, 6-1, 227, r-Fr.  
Columbia, S.C., Spring Valley, Jim Bonneville

38 Shyrone Stith ..... TB, 5-7, 190, Fr.  
Chesapeake, Va., Western Branch, Lew Johnston

31 Michael Stuewe\*% ..... SE, 6-1, 188, r-Jr.  
Somerset, N.J., St. Peter's, Nick Metrokatsas

88 Sean Sullivan ..... TE, 6-4, 245, r-Jr.  
Boca Raton, Fla., Olympic Heights, Ray Buscemi

36 Edmund Tan ..... SE, 5-7, 163, r-Jr.  
Virginia Beach, Va., Kellam, Ed Booth

49 Steve Tate\* ..... LB, 6-1, 240, r-Jr.  
N. Canton, Ohio, Hoover, Ed Glass

29 Chad Vaughn\* ..... CB, 5-8, 172, Sr.  
Burke, Va., Lake Braddock, Francis Dall

57 Dwight Vick ..... OG, 6-4, 307, r-So.  
Hampton, Va., Hampton, Mike Smith

72 Tim Wade\*\* ..... C, 6-3, 295, r-Sr.  
Richmond, Va., Lloyd Bird, Glen Schrottenboer

76 T.J. Washington\*\* ..... OT, 6-4, 313, r-Sr.  
Melfa, Va., Nandua, Tony Washington

75 Todd Washington\* ..... OG, 6-3, 308, Jr.  
Melfa, Va., Nandua, Tony Washington

66 Todd Wheatley ..... OG, 6-4, 300, r-So.  
Covington, Va., Alleghany, Tom McIntyre

90 Danny Wheel\* ..... DE, 6-2, 253, r-Jr.  
Williamsburg, Va., Lafayette, Bubba Hooker

11 Cody Whipple# ..... FS, 6-2, 197, r-Jr.  
Hiko, Nev., Pahranaagat Valley, Lonny Walch

4 Cornellus White\*\*\* ..... SE, 6-0, 202, r-Sr.  
Pennel, Pa., Neshaminy, John Chaump

92 Nat Williams ..... DT, 6-2, 271, r-Fr.  
Jacksonville, Fla., Andrew Jackson, Dwayne Mitchell



## Pronunciation Guide

Chris ANDREADIS ..... AN-dre-odd-is  
Jason BERISH ..... BEAR-ish  
KEION Carpenter ..... KEE-on  
Billy CONATY ..... CON-ah-tee  
Chris CYRUS ..... SIGH-russ  
Gennaro DINAPOLI ..... de-NAP-o-lee  
Jim DRUCKENMILLER ..... DRUCK-in-miller  
TYRON Edmond ..... tie-ROn  
Jay HAGOOD ..... HAY-good  
Mike KOCICKA ..... co-SEE-kuh  
JOMO Nelson ..... JOE-moe  
Pierson PRIOLEAU ..... PRAY-low  
Tim SCHNECKER ..... sh-neCK-er  
Chris SEGAAR ..... SEE-ger  
Brandon SEMONES ..... Suh-MOAN-ess  
SHYRONE Stith ..... shy-ROAN  
Michael STUEWE ..... STEW-ee  
NAT Williams ..... nate

@ also attended Fork Union Military Academy (Va.); # also attended Milford Prep (Conn.); ## also attended Butler County Community College (Kan.); + also attended Hudson Valley Community College; ++ transfer from University of Nevada, Las Vegas; \$ also attended Hagarave Military Academy (Va.); % also attended Hun School (N.J.); ^ transfer from Southeast Missouri State

# TECH NEBRASKA

## Hokie Numerical

1	Keion Carpenter	FS
2	Tyron Edmond	LB
4	Cornelius White	SE
5	Al Clark	QB
8	Tony Morrison	LB
9	Antonio Banks	CB
11	Cody Whipple	FS
12	Loren Johnson	CB
13	James Crawford	SE
14	Torrian Gray	FS
15	Marcus Gildersleeve	FL
16	Jim Druckenmiller	QB
17	Shayne Graham	PK
18	Mike Kocicka	QB
20	Pierson Prioleau	ROV
21	Brandon Semones	LB
22	Shawn Scales	FL
23	Jomo Nelson	ROV
24	Tony Joe	CB
25	Shane Beamer	DS
26	Korey Irby	LB
27	Aaron Layne	TB
28	Ken Oxendine	TB
29	Chad Vaughn	CB
30	Anthony Midget	CB
31	Michael Stuewe	SE
32	Brian Edmonds	FB
33	Steven Hunt	FS
34	Marcus Parker	TB
36	Edmund Tan	SE
38	Shyrone Stith	TB
40	Shaine Miles	TE
42	Cullen Hawkins	FB
43	Michael Hawkes	LB
44	Shelly Ellison	FB
46	Jamel Smith	LB
48	Ken Handy	FL
49	Steve Tate	LB
52	William Flowers	OT
53	Jason Buckland	DE
55	Myron Newsome	LB
57	Dwight Vick	OG
58	Cornell Brown	DE
61	Billy Conaty	C
62	Tim Schnacker	OG
64	Gennaro DiNapoli	OG
66	Todd Wheatley	OG
68	Chris Andreadis	OG
71	Jay Hagood	OT
72	Tim Wade	C
74	Derek Smith	OT
75	Todd Washington	OG
76	T.J. Washington	OT
77	Carl Bradley	DT
81	Bryan Jennings	TE
82	Chris Segaar	FL
86	Pedro Edison	TE
87	John Engelberger	DE
88	Sean Sullivan	TE
89	Keith Short	DT
90	Danny Wheel	DE
91	Caleb Hurd	H
92	Nat Williams	DT
93	Kerwin Hairston	DT
94	Jason Berish	DE
95	Jimmy Kibble	PK
98	Waverly Jackson	DT
99	Chris Cyrus	DE

## When Tech Has the Ball

### VIRGINIA TECH OFFENSE

SE	4	Cornelius White	(6-0, 202, r-Sr.)
	31	Michael Stuewe	(6-1, 188, r-Jr.)
LT	71	Jay Hagood	(6-4, 313, r-Sr.)
	74	Derek Smith	(6-6, 288, r-So.)
LG	75	Todd Washington	(6-3, 308, Jr.)
	57	Dwight Vick	(6-4, 307, r-So.)
C	61	Billy Conaty	(6-3, 298, r-Sr.)
	72	Tim Wade	(6-3, 295, r-Sr.)
RG	64	Gennaro DiNapoli	(6-3, 290, Jr.)
	66	Todd Wheatley	(6-4, 300, r-So.)
RT	76	T.J. Washington	(6-4, 313, r-Sr.)
	74	Derek Smith	(6-6, 288, r-So.)
TE	81	Bryan Jennings	(6-4, 254, Sr.)
	40	Shaine Miles	(6-1, 242, r-Sr.)
QB	16	Jim Druckenmiller	(6-4, 224, r-Sr.)
	5	Al Clark	(6-1, 198, r-So.)
FB	32	Brian Edmonds	(5-10, 250, r-Sr.)
	44	Shelly Ellison	(6-1, 247, r-Fr.)
TB	28	Ken Oxendine	(6-1, 225, Jr.)
	34	Marcus Parker or 38 Shyrone Stith	
FL	22	Shawn Scales	(5-11, 180, r-Jr.)
	13	James Crawford	(6-2, 205, r-So.)

### NEBRASKA DEFENSE

LR	93	Jared Tomich	(6-2, 260, Sr.)
	57	Chad Kelsay	(6-3, 235, So.)
DT	97	Jeff Ogard	(6-6, 310, Sr.)
	99	Jason Wiltz	(6-3, 285, So.)
DT	55	Jason Peter	(6-5, 285, Jr.)
	74	Scott Saltzman	(6-2, 270, Sr.)
RR	98	Grant Wistrom	(6-5, 250, Jr.)
	84	Mike Rucker	(6-6, 250, So.)
SAM	28	Jamel Williams	(6-2, 210, Sr.)
	46	Brian Shaw	(6-0, 215, Fr.)
MIKE	44	Jon Hesse	(6-4, 250, Sr.)
	56	Jay Foreman	(6-1, 230, So.)
WILL	91	Ryan Terwilliger	(6-5, 225, Sr.)
	1	Eric Johnson	(6-0, 205, So.)
LCB	20	Michael Booker	(6-2, 205, Sr.)
	12	Mike Fullman	(5-7, 170, Sr.)
FS	16	Eric Stokes	(5-11, 195, Sr.)
	3	Eric Warfield	(6-0, 195, Jr.)
ROV	10	Mike Minter	(5-10, 190, Sr.)
	4	Octavious McFarlin	(5-11, 195, Jr.)
RCB	22	Ralph Brown	(5-11, 180, Fr.)
	26	Jerome Peterson	(5-7, 185, Fr.)

## When Nebraska Has the Ball

### VIRGINIA TECH DEFENSE

DE	58	Cornell Brown	(6-2, 246, Sr.)
	94	Jason Berish	(6-3, 224, r-So.)
DT	98	Waverly Jackson	(6-3, 298, r-Sr.)
	92	Nat Williams	(6-2, 271, r-Fr.)
DT	93	Kerwin Hairston	(6-2, 272, r-Jr.)
	77	Carl Bradley	(6-2, 261, Fr.)
DE	87	John Engelberger	(6-4, 245, r-Fr.)
	90	Danny Wheel	(6-2, 253, r-Jr.)
OLB	21	Brandon Semones	(6-0, 202, Sr.)
	2	Tyron Edmond	(6-1, 199, So.)
ILB	49	Steve Tate	(6-1, 240, r-Jr.)
	8	Tony Morrison	(6-1, 231, Jr.)
ILB	55	Myron Newsome	(5-9, 218, Sr.)
	46	Jamel Smith	(6-1, 227, r-Fr.)
LC	12	Loren Johnson	(5-10, 176, So.)
	24	Tony Joe	(6-1, 185, Jr.)
FS	14	Torrian Gray	(6-0, 204, r-Sr.)
	1	Keion Carpenter	(6-0, 199, So.)
ROV	20	Pierson Prioleau	(5-10, 174, So.)
	23	Jomo Nelson	(5-10, 181, r-So.)
RC	9	Antonio Banks	(5-10, 195, Sr.) or
	30	Anthony Midget	(5-11, 174, Fr.)

### NEBRASKA OFFENSE

SE	5	Brendan Holbein	(5-9, 195, Sr.)
	89	Jeff Lake	(6-4, 210, Jr.)
LT	77	Adam Treu	(6-6, 305, Sr.)
	75	Chris Dishman	(6-3, 310, Sr.)
LG	75	Chris Dishman	(6-3, 310, Sr.)
	67	Aaron Taylor	(6-1, 305, Jr.)
C	67	Aaron Taylor	(6-1, 305, Jr.)
	59	Josh Heskew	(6-3, 280, So.)
RG	64	Jon Zatechka	(6-2, 290, Jr.)
	62	Matt Hoskinson	(6-1, 280, Jr.)
RT	70	Eric Anderson	(6-4, 305, Jr.)
	77	Adam Treu	(6-6, 305, Sr.)
TE	90	Tim Carpenter	(6-3, 255, Jr.)
	34	Vershan Jackson	(6-0, 245, Jr.)
QB	7	Scott Frost	(6-3, 215, Jr.)
	11	Matt Turman	(5-11, 185, Sr.)
FB	28	Brian Schuster	(5-11, 230, Sr.)
	45	Joel Makovicka	(5-11, 235, So.)
HB	4	DeAngelo Evans	(5-9, 210, Fr.)
	21	Damon Benning	(5-11, 215, Sr.)
WB	25	Jon Vedral	(5-11, 205, Sr.)
	29	Shevin Wiggins	(5-11, 190, So.)

### VIRGINIA TECH SPECIALISTS

Punter: 95 Jimmy Kibble (5-10, 178, r-Fr.)  
 Kickoffs: 95 Jimmy Kibble (5-10, 178, r-Fr.)  
 PATs & FGs: 17 Shayne Graham (5-11, 185, Fr.)  
 Snapper: 72 Tim Wade (6-3, 295, r-Sr.)  
 Holder: 91 Caleb Hurd (6-2, 174, Fr.)  
 Punt Ret.: 22 Shawn Scales (5-11, 180, r-Jr.)  
 K.O. Ret.: 22 Shawn Scales (5-11, 180, r-Jr.)

### NEBRASKA SPECIALISTS

Punter: 19 Jesse Kosch (6-0, 185, Jr.)  
 Kickoffs: 35 Kris Brown (5-10, 205, So.)  
 PATs & FGs: 35 Kris Brown (5-10, 205, So.)  
 Snapper: 77 Adam Treu (6-6, 305, Sr.)  
 Holder: 25 Jon Vedral (5-11, 205, Sr.)  
 Punt Ret.: 12 Mike Fullman (5-7, 170, Sr.)  
 K.O. Ret.: 21 Damon Benning (5-11, 215, Sr.)

## Husker Numerical

1	Eric Johnson	WLB
3	Eric Warfield	FS
4	Octavious McFarlin	ROV
5	Brendan Holbein	SE
6	Kenny Cheatham	SE
7	Scott Frost	QB
8	Jeff Perino	QB
9	Monte Christo	QB
10	Mike Minter	ROV
11	Matt Turman	QB
12	Mike Fullman	RCB
13	Ted Retzlaff	PK
14	Lance Brown	WB
15	Kareem Sears	RR
16	Eric Stokes	FS
19	Jesse Kosch	P
20	Michael Booker	LCB
21	Damon Benning	IB
23	Bill Laffler	P
25	Jon Vedral	WB
26	Jerome Peterson	LCB
27	Mike Brown	LCB
28	Jamel Williams	SLB
29	Shevin Wiggins	WB
30	Ahman Green	IB
31	Jay Sims	IB
32	Eric Walther	FS
34	Vershan Jackson	TE
35	Kris Brown	PK
37	Tony Ortiz	SLB
38	Brendan Zahl	LR
39	Mike Roberts	ROV
40	Billy Legate	FB
41	Casey Mackon	WLB
43	Terrell Farley	WLB
44	Jon Hesse	MLB
45	Joel Makovicka	FB
46	Brian Shaw	SLB
47	Josh Kohl	WLB
48	David Alderman	LCB
50	Julius Jackson	MLB
51	Matt Vrzal	OG
52	Matt Baldwin	C
53	Matt Hunting	WLB
54	Doug Seaman	C
55	Jason Peter	DT
56	Jay Foreman	MLB
57	Chad Kelsay	RR
59	Josh Heskew	C
61	Brandt Wade	OG
62	Matt Hoskinson	OG
64	Jon Zatechka	OG
65	Jason Schwab	OG
66	Joe Horst	OG
67	Aaron Taylor	C
68	Jeff Clausen	OT
70	Eric Anderson	OT
71	Mike Van Cleave	OG
72	Ben Gessford	OT
73	Fred Pollack	OT
74	Scott Saltzman	DT
75	Chris Dishman	OG
76	Sasho Becvarovski	OT
77	Adam Treu	OT
78	Kory Mikos	OT
79	Ross Tessoroff	DT
82	Ryan Held	SE
83	Bryce Miller	RR
84	Mike Rucker	LR
86	Derrick Roy	TE
88	Sheldon Jackson	TE
89	Jeff Lake	SE
90	Tim Carpenter	TE
91	Ryan Terwilliger	WLB
92	Travis Tolline	LR
93	Jared Tomich	LR
94	Travis Antholz	RR
95	Drek Allen	DT
96	Tom Millus	DT
97	Jeff Ogard	DT
98	Grant Wistrom	RR
99	Jason Wiltz	DT

# 1996 Review

**Virginia Tech 21**  
**Akron 18**

Virginia Tech struggled to a 21-18 road victory over the University of Akron in its 1996 season opener. The game was tied 8-8 at the half before the Hokies built a 21-11 lead and held off the upstart-minded Zips. Mistakes proved costly for Tech, which lost three fumbles and gave up a safety on a punt return. Two of the Hokies' fumbles led to Akron touchdowns, while the third stopped a Tech drive on the UA 2-yard line. True freshman tailback Shyrone Stith came off the bench to help save the day for the highly favored Hokies. Stith replaced injured starter Ken Oxendine and rushed for 119 yards and two touchdowns in his first collegiate appearance. Tech's defense held the Zips to just 30 yards on the ground and posted five quarterback sacks.

Virginia Tech	0	8	13	0	—	21
Akron	8	0	3	7	—	18

UA (10:55 re 1st) — Ryan 1 run (kick blocked)  
UA (7:55 re 1st) — safety, VT return man tackled in ez  
VT (0:22 re 2nd) — Stith 1 run (Harrison pass from Druckenmiller)  
UA (10:53 re 3rd) — FG Stidham 31  
VT (7:40 re 3rd) — Stuewe 9 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)  
VT (1:38 re 3rd) — Stith 2 run (PAT failed)  
UA (0:14 re 4th) — Whitt 8 pass from Junko (Stidham kick)

Team Stats	VT	UA
First downs	23	14
Rushes-yds.	54-216	34-30
Passing yds.	81	197
Return yds.	61	3
Passes	11-22-0	18-38-0
Punts-avg.	7-38	9-46
Fumbles-lost	4-3	1-0
Penalties-yds.	4-54	8-67
Time of poss.	28:42	31:18
Sacks by	5-34	3-19

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Stith 21-119, Oxendine 11-65, Gildersleeve 8-22, Ellison 3-14, Hawkins 2-9, Druckenmiller 7-1, Clark 1-0, Thomas 1-(-14); UA, Ryan 7-39, Reader 6-7, Reeder 10-2, Rooney 1-(-1), Scott 1-(-4), Junko 3-(-5), Spencer 6-(-8).

Passing — VT, Druckenmiller 11-22-0-81; UA, Junko 14-26-0-159, Spencer 4-12-0-38.

Receiving — VT, Scales 2-19, Jennings 2-19, Gildersleeve 2-12, White 2-10, Harrison 1-10, Stuewe 1-9, Stith 1-2; UA, Scott 9-99, Francis 3-50, Reader 3-19, Reeder 1-14, Whitt 1-8, Thiry 1-7.



*Freshman tailback Shyrone Stith rushed for 119 yards and scored two touchdowns to lead the Hokies over the Zips.*

**Virginia Tech 45**  
**Boston College 7**

Virginia Tech scored touchdowns on its first three possessions of the game and staged a key goal-line stand in the second quarter on the way to a 45-7 BIG EAST victory at Boston College September 14. Tech used a balanced offensive attack that produced 215 yards on the ground and 241 yards in the air to keep the Eagles off stride. The key to the game, however, was a defensive stand that saw Tech hold BC out of the end zone on four tries from inside the 10, including three plays from the Hokies' 1-yard line. Tech broke the contest open by scoring twice within a four-minute span of the third quarter. Tech's defensive unit held the Eagles to 55 yards on the ground and registered seven sacks, while the offense converted on 9 of 14 third-down plays.



*Linebacker Brandon Semones pressures the Boston College quarterback.*

Virginia Tech	21	0	14	10	—	45
Boston College	7	0	0	0	—	7

VT (12:21 re 1st) — Jennings 9 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)  
VT (8:11 re 1st) — Stith 8 run (Graham kick)  
BC (4:30 re 1st) — Pollack 9 pass from Hasselbeck (Matich kick)  
VT (2:13 re 1st) — Edmonds 21 run (Graham kick)  
VT (8:44 re 3rd) — Edmonds 19 run (Graham kick)  
VT (4:48 re 3rd) — Stith 10 run (Graham kick)  
VT (10:39 re 4th) — Jennings 15 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)  
VT (6:19 re 4th) — FG Graham 26

Team Stats	VT	BC
First downs	22	22
Rushes-yds.	44-215	34-55
Passing yds.	241	221
Return yds.	31	21
Passes	14-25-1	25-42-1
Punts-avg.	2-29	4-42
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yds.	6-7	4-45
Time of poss.	30:16	29:44
Sacks by	7-70	0-0

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Stith 20-80, Edmonds 5-45, Gildersleeve 8-39, Druckenmiller 5-38, Layne 4-10, Ellison 1-2, Clark 1-1; BC, Lee 8-42, Walker 6-32, Cloud 7-30, Harding 1-2, Hasselbeck 12-(-51).

Passing — VT, Druckenmiller 13-24-1-229, Clark 1-1-0-12; BC, Hasselbeck 25-42-1-221.

Receiving — VT, White 5-103, Stuewe 3-47, Jennings 2-24, Harrison 1-27, Scales 1-14, Gildersleeve 1-14, Ford 1-12; BC, Watson 8-83, Pollack 4-34, DiCosmo 3-22, Everson 2-29, Harding 2-24, Walker 2-20, Cloud 2-9, Newman 1-1, Chamberlin 1-(-1).



Fullback Brian Edmonds breaks free for a 19-yard touchdown run against Rutgers.

**Virginia Tech 30**  
**Rutgers 14**

The Hokies broke a 14-14 tie late in the third quarter and pulled away for a 30-14 BIG EAST victory over Rutgers at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. Tech took the lead for good on the first of three Shayne Graham field goals. Graham hit from 35, 31 and 25 yards to give the Hokies a 23-14 edge. Fullback Brian Edmonds clinched the win with a 19-yard scoring run with 6:25 remaining. Tech piled up 516 yards of total offense, but had trouble shaking both Rutgers and a series of mistakes. The Scarlet Knights used an interception early in the third quarter to set up their game-tying touchdown, before falling victim to some mistakes of their own. Rutgers helped the Hokies regain the lead with a fumbled snap on a punt and a fumble on a sack. Both led to Graham field goals.

Rutgers	0	7	7	0	—	14
Virginia Tech	14	0	6	10	—	30

VT (8:19 re 1st) — Stith 3 run (Graham kick)  
VT (1:52 re 1st) — White 5 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)  
RUT (7:15 re 2nd) — Valentine 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)  
RUT (12:13 re 3rd) — Seeger 10 pass from Stephans (Mike-Mayer kick)  
VT (5:45 re 3rd) — FG Graham 35  
VT (3:56 re 3rd) — FG Graham 31  
VT (10:49 re 4th) — FG Graham 25  
VT (6:25 re 4th) — Edmonds 19 run (Graham kick)

Team Stats	RUT	VT
First downs	13	29
Rushes-yds.	27-41	49-234
Passing yds.	203	282
Return yds.	14	-1
Passes	14-30-0	24-37-1
Punts-avg.	8-33	2-39
Fumbles-lost	2-1	3-2
Penalties-yds.	8-38	4-35
Time of poss.	23:22	36:38
Sacks by	1-7	4-21

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing — RUT, Bosch 13-51, Fauntleroy 5-11, Harper 1-10, Crooks 1-2, Valentine 1-1, Cobbs 1-0, Slovan 1-(-13), Stephans 4-(-21); VT, Edmonds 12-80, Stith 18-75, Druckenmiller 10-53, Gildersleeve 8-32, Clark 1-(-6).

Passing — RUT, Stephans 13-29-0-190, Valentine 1-1-0-13; VT, Druckenmiller 24-37-1-282.

Receiving — RUT, Harper 6-102, Bosch 3-37, Holland 2-19, Curry 1-28, Seeger 1-10, King 1-7; VT, Stuewe 7-71, Scales 5-61, Harrison 4-47, Stith 3-24, Edmonds 2-61, White 2-13, Gildersleeve 1-5.

**Syracuse 52**  
**Virginia Tech 21**

Syracuse scored 28 unanswered points in the second half to break open a close game and snap Virginia Tech's 13-game winning streak with a 52-21 thumping at the Carrier Dome. The Orangemen's lead was just 24-21 midway through the third quarter when they converted a key third-and-17 situation on a perfect 48-yard pass from quarterback Donovan McNabb to flanker Jim Turner. That completion set the stage for a McNabb touchdown pass and marked the start of Tech's downfall. McNabb engineered the victory with an assortment of big plays that helped Syracuse pile up 461 total yards, including 338 on the ground. Tech committed four turnovers, three of which led to touchdowns.

Virginia Tech	14	0	7	0	—	21
Syracuse	7	17	7	21	—	52

SU (6:33 re 1st) — Maddox 4 pass from McNabb (Trout kick)

VT (3:09 re 1st) — White 60 blk punt ret (Graham kick)

VT (1:36 re 1st) — Oxendine 1 run (Graham kick)

SU (8:22 re 2nd) — FG Trout 23

SU (7:37 re 2nd) — Nash 4 blk punt ret (Trout kick)

SU (5:53 re 2nd) — Jones 23 run (Trout kick)

VT (7:55 re 3rd) — Oxendine 3 run (Graham kick)

SU (3:44 re 3rd) — Spotwood 10 pass from McNabb (Trout kick)

SU (10:14 re 4th) — Jones 6 run (Trout kick)

SU (3:19 re 4th) — Morris 5 run (Trout kick)

SU (3:08 re 4th) — Bullock 20 interception ret (Trout kick)

Team Stats	VT	SU
First downs	12	20
Rushes-yds.	36-111	62-338
Passing yds.	157	123
Return yds.	68	56
Passes	11-25-3	8-12-0
Punts-avg.	6-32	4-39
Fumbles-lost	3-1	4-3
Penalties-yds.	1-10	5-35
Time of poss.	25:48	34:12
Sacks by	3-19	2-9

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Oxendine 15-50, Stith 5-25, Druckenmiller 12-11, Clark 2-10, Edmonds 2-(-1), Flowers 0-16; SU, McNabb 15-127, Jones 13-73, Konrad 14-52, Thomas 8-49, McIntosh 10-29, Morris 2-8.

Passing — VT, Druckenmiller 11-23-2-157, Clark 0-2-1-0; SU, McNabb 8-12-0-123.

Receiving — VT, Scales 4-37, Oxendine 2-58, Stuewe 2-24, Harrison 1-15, Jennings 1-12, Edmonds 1-11; SU, Maddox 3-20, Turner 2-70, Sinceno 2-23, Spotwood 1-10.



Cornelius White blocks a Syracuse punt that he recovered and ran in for a touchdown.





Freshman defensive end John Engelberger sacks the Temple quarterback in the Hokies' shutout win.

<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Temple</b>	<b>0</b>

Virginia Tech used a strong running game and a relentless pass rush to register a 38-0 Homecoming victory over Temple at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. The Hokies piled up a season-high 349 yards on the ground during the contest and finished with 461 total yards despite running just 57 offensive plays — the fewest ever for Tech in a BIG EAST game. Tech set the tone early, using 10 straight running plays to drive 62 yards for a touchdown on its first possession. The Hokies attempted just 11 passes in the game, 16 below their season average. Temple, which entered the game with the top passing offense in the BIG EAST, managed just 103 yards through the air and 197 yards overall against a Tech defensive unit that registered eight sacks. The Owls only penetrated the Tech 40-yard line twice and never got closer than the Hokies' 29. Tech benefited from a blocked punt and an interception in improving its Homecoming record to 48-17-4.

Temple	0	0	0	0	—	0
Virginia Tech	14	10	14	0	—	38

VT (8:08 re 1st) — Oxendine 1 run (Graham kick)  
 VT (1:55 re 1st) — Scales 64 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)  
 VT (14:29 re 2nd) — Parker 1 run (Graham kick)  
 VT (9:09 re 2nd) — FG Graham 20  
 VT (9:00 re 3rd) — Oxendine 25 run (Graham kick)  
 VT (1:13 re 3rd) — Oxendine 71 run (Graham kick)

Team Stats	TU	VT
First downs	12	16
Rushes-yds.	37-94	46-349
Passing yds.	103	112
Return yds.	0	131
Passes	10-25-1	5-11-0
Punts-avg.	11-37	4-40
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-yds.	10-68	6-64
Time of poss.	31:44	28:16
Sacks by	2-16	8-46

## Individual Leaders

Rushing — TU, Culbreath 13-36, Lee 4-20, McBride 1-14, Burris 15-12, Bonner 3-8, F. Carter 1-4; VT, Oxendine 14-163, Parker 6-90, Stith 8-35, Druckenmiller 7-21, Edmonds 4-16, Scales 1-13, Layne 2-4, Ellison 1-3, Clark 3-3.

Passing — TU, Burris 10-24-1-103; Bonner 0-1-0-0; VT, Druckenmiller 5-9-0-112; Clark 0-2-0-0.

Receiving — TU, D. Davis 3-42, V. Johnson 2-26, W. Davis 2-21, Culbreath 2-3, Overocker 1-11; VT, Scales 2-96, Stuewe 1-8, Edmonds 1-8, Oxendine 1-1.

<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>17</b>

A pair of Jim Druckenmiller to Shawn Scales touchdown passes lifted Virginia Tech to a 34-17 victory over Pittsburgh at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. The win was not an easy one for the Hokies, who trailed 17-13 late in the third quarter. Tech took a 20-17 lead when Druckenmiller hit Scales for a 7-yard TD, then got some breathing room less than three minutes later when the two hooked up on a 71-yard scoring bomb. The Hokies finished with 456 yards of total offense, including 265 yards rushing. The Tech defense, playing without starting linebackers Tony Morrison and

Myron Newsome and end Cornell Brown, limited Pitt to just 69 yards of total offense in the second half when the game was on the line. The Panthers finished the game with 236 total yards, with only 76 coming on the ground.

Pittsburgh	3	7	7	0	—	17
Virginia Tech	7	6	7	14	—	34

P (11:29 re 1st) — FG Ferencik 49

VT (9:08 re 1st) — Oxendine 6 run (Graham kick)

P (3:43 re 2nd) — Schulters 2 run (Ferencik kick)

VT (0:37 re 2nd) — Edmonds 1 run (kick failed)

P (6:15 re 3rd) — Lytle 2 run (Ferencik kick)

VT (2:14 re 3rd) — Scales 7 pass from

Druckenmiller (Graham kick)

VT (14:51 re 4th) — Scales 71 pass from

Druckenmiller (Graham kick)

VT (6:49 re 4th) — Oxendine 1 run (Graham kick)

Team Stats	P	VT
First downs	16	23
Rushes-yds.	36-76	48-265
Passing yds.	160	191
Return yds.	43	87
Passes	15-36-2	10-20-0
Punts-avg.	8-45	5-36
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-1
Penalties-yds.	8-76	5-48
Time of poss.	32:11	27:49
Sacks by	0-0	2-25

## Individual Leaders

Rushing — P, Lytle 11-39, Schulters 13-38, Duck 7-17, West 3-4, Murray 1-(-10), Zimmerman 1-(-12); VT, Oxendine 19-111, Parker 12-84, Edmonds 12-60, Stith 2-11, Druckenmiller 3-(-11).

Passing — P, Lytle 14-34-2-152, Zimmerman 1-2-0-8; VT, Druckenmiller 10-20-0-191.

Receiving — P, Jones 5-70, Hoffart 5-60, Butler 2-15, Murray 2-9, Joseph 1-6; VT, Scales 3-95, White 2-46, Parker 2-23, Stuewe 1-10, Edmonds 1-9, Jennings 1-8.



Shawn Scales stretches to make a fingertip catch that he turned into a 71-yard touchdown against Pitt.



A host of Virginia Tech defenders — including Kerwin Hairston, John Engelberger, Cornell Brown, Brandon Semones and Torrian Gray — gang up on a Southwestern Louisiana ballcarrier.

## Virginia Tech 47 Southwestern La. 16

Virginia Tech scored the final 24 points of the game to post a 47-16 non-conference victory over the University of Southwestern Louisiana at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. Tech failed to capitalize on opportunities during most of the first three quarters, but held USL at bay thanks to four Shayne Graham field goals. A pair of touchdown runs by tailback Ken Oxendine and quarterback Jim Druckenmiller's second TD pass of the day broke the game open in the final 18 minutes. Tech got two interceptions from its defense and two blocked punts from its special teams, while the offense piled up 442 yards, including 328 rushing.

USL	9	0	7	0	—	16
Virginia Tech	10	10	13	14	—	47

VT (8:09 re 1st) — FG Graham 20

USL (7:36 re 1st) — Richard 65 pass from Delhomme (kick failed)

VT (4:22 re 1st) — Scales 21 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)

USL (3:22 re 1st) — FG Deach 39

VT (8:10 re 2nd) — Parker 1 run (Graham kick)

VT (0:06 re 2nd) — FG Graham 19

VT (11:27 re 3rd) — FG Graham 25

USL (6:48 re 3rd) — Cotton 10 run (Deach kick)

VT (5:24 re 3rd) — FG Graham 32

VT (2:20 re 3rd) — Oxendine 2 run (Graham kick)

VT (10:52 re 4th) — Stuewe 65 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)

VT (5:45 re 4th) — Oxendine 1 run (Graham kick)

Team Stats	USL	VT
First downs	13	25
Rushes-yds.	22-81	63-328
Passing yds.	255	114
Return yds.	3	53
Passes	17-34-2	7-18-0
Punts-avg.	6-22	1-29
Fumbles-lost	3-1	3-1
Penalties-yds.	8-64	4-36
Time of poss.	23:02	36:58
Sacks by	0-0	0-0

### Individual Leaders

Rushing — USL, Cotton 11-72, Brister 6-12, Delhomme 2-9, Lindsey 2-1, Team (-13); VT, Oxendine 22-140, Stith 7-87, Parker 13-51, Druckenmiller 9-43, Edmonds 8-16, Ellison 2-5, Scales 1-(-7), Team (-7).

Passing — USL, Delhomme 17-34-2-255; VT, Druckenmiller 7-18-0-114.

Receiving — USL, Buford 5-54, Richard 4-79, Stokley 4-46, Strother 2-56, Smith 1-14, Mayweather 1-6; VT, Stuewe 2-71, Scales 2-28, Edmonds 1-7, White 1-5, Parker 1-3.



## Virginia Tech 35 East Carolina 14

Virginia Tech piled up a season-high 591 yards of offense to hand East Carolina a 35-14 loss at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field on November 9. A crowd of 49,128 braved a wind chill temperature of 13 degrees to watch the Hokies post their fourth straight win. Tech used a balanced, ball-control offense that produced 323 yards on the ground and 268 through the air while running over 37 minutes off the clock. Quarterback Jim Druckenmiller threw for three touchdowns, including a key 15-yard shovel pass to fullback Brian Edmonds with 8:33 left in the game that gave Tech a 28-14 lead. Tech played without All-American defensive end Cornell Brown and six other players who were suspended at midweek. The Hokies defense limited ECU to 47 yards on the ground and contributed two interceptions.

East Carolina	0	7	0	7	—	14
Virginia Tech	0	14	7	14	—	35

VT (12:48 re 2nd) — Stuewe 65 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)

VT (7:30 re 2nd) — White 23 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)

ECU (0:41 re 2nd) — Shannon 74 pass from Gonzalez (Holcomb kick)

VT (5:50 re 3rd) — Oxendine 3 run (Graham kick)

ECU (14:43 re 4th) — Chappell 10 pass from Gonzalez (Holcomb kick)

VT (8:33 re 4th) — Edmonds 15 pass fr Druckenmiller (Graham kick)

VT (4:39 re 4th) — Parker 14 run (Graham kick)

Team Stats	ECU	VT
First downs	14	25
Rushes-yds.	24-47	51-323
Passing yds.	258	268
Return yds.	0	55
Passes	17-35-2	15-23-0
Punts-avg.	8-43	5-31
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-3
Penalties-yds.	7-77	6-58
Time of poss.	22:37	37:23
Sacks by	1-4	3-12

### Individual Leaders

Rushing — ECU, Harley 19-54, Gonzalez 5-(-7); VT, Parker 18-117, Oxendine 15-99, Druckenmiller 5-41, Edmonds 8-37, Stith 4-26, Ellison 1-3.

Passing — ECU, Gonzalez 17-35-2-258; VT, Druckenmiller 15-23-0-268.

Receiving — ECU, Shannon 3-94, Richards 3-43, Harley 3-29, Galloway 3-19, Chappell 2-40, Nichols 2-23, Smith 1-10; VT, White 4-75, Crawford 3-59, Stuewe 2-70, Scales 2-26, Edmonds 2-22, Parker 1-10, Jennings 1-6.

Defensive Tackle Waverly Jackson bears down on the East Carolina quarterback.

## Virginia Tech 21 Miami 7

The Hokies registered a dramatic 21-7 victory over 21st-ranked Miami to become the first BIG EAST Football Conference team to beat the Hurricanes at the Orange Bowl since the league was formed in 1991. Tech's win was not ensured until the final two minutes when it intercepted two Miami passes in the end zone. The first of those two interceptions came with the 'Canes trailing by just seven points and facing a fourth-and-four at the Tech 8. Reserve safety Keion Carpenter picked off a Scott Covington pass at the goal line and returned it 100 yards for a touchdown with 1:54 remaining. Miami kept its hopes alive with a quick drive to the Tech 4, before Torrian Gray sealed the Hokies' win with an interception in the end zone with 40 seconds remaining. The Hurricanes dominated the statistics with 450 yards of total offense to Tech's 322, but the 'Canes only managed to score on one of their five trips inside the Tech 25.

Virginia Tech	7	0	7	7	—	21
Miami	7	0	0	0	—	7

VT (6:26 re 1st) — Oxendine 1 run (Graham kick)  
 UM (0:46 re 1st) — C.C. Jones 2 pass from Clement (Crosland kick)  
 VT (4:01 re 3rd) — Stuewe 13 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)  
 VT (1:54 re 4th) — Carpenter 100 interception return (Graham kick)

Team Stats	VT	UM
First downs	18	24
Rushes-yds.	41-120	29-110
Passing yds.	202	340
Return yds.	125	6
Passes	15-24-0	28-48-2
Punts-avg.	5-31	6-37
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-yds.	7-53	8-60
Time of poss.	30:49	29:11
Sacks by	3-27	2-14



Keion Carpenter and Torrian Gray celebrate Gray's interception that clinched the victory over Miami. Carpenter had earlier returned an interception 100 yards for a touchdown.



Tech defenders Steve Tate (49) and Danny Wheel (90) rush to congratulate Cornell Brown (58) after he intercepted a lateral in the West Virginia backfield.

### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Oxendine 19-89, Parker 10-31, Edmonds 3-1, Druckenmiller 9-(-1); UM, T. Jones 15-83, James 8-47, Williams 1-7, Covington 2-0, Clement 3-(-27).  
 Passing — VT, Druckenmiller 15-22-0-202; UM, Clement 17-26-0-202, Covington 11-22-2-138.  
 Receiving — VT, Scales 4-71, White 3-28, Stuewe 2-31, Parker 2-19, Jennings 1-21, Oxendine 1-15, Edmonds 1-11, Crawford 1-6; UM, Green 9-152, T. Jones 6-17, Gaiter 4-64, Williams 2-41, Benton 2-24, Fulcher 1-24, Atrio 1-12, Daphnis 1-6, C.C. Jones 1-2, James 1-(-2).

## Virginia Tech 31 West Virginia 14

Virginia Tech downed No. 20 West Virginia and its top-ranked defense, 31-14, before a sellout crowd at Lane Stadium. Ken Oxendine piled up 104 yards to become the only 100-yard rusher against WVU in 1996. Jim Druckenmiller threw two TD passes to Cornelius White, including one with just 24 seconds left in the first half that gave the Hokies a 10-point lead at the break. Oxendine also scored twice, including a 39-yard scamper in the third quarter to put Tech well in front, 24-7. For the third straight year, Cornelius Brown contributed three sacks to the Tech cause. Brown also had nine tackles and picked off a pitch on a reverse play to thwart a WVU drive late in the third quarter and preserve the 17-point lead. Oxendine's second TD, a 2-yard run with 6:05 remaining in the game, provided the final points and gave the Hokies a 6-1 record in BIG EAST play for the second consecutive year.

West Virginia	0	7	0	7	—	14
Virginia Tech	3	14	7	7	—	31

VT (7:35 re 1st) — FG Graham 21  
 VT (12:26 re 2nd) — White 35 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)  
 WVU (1:35 re 2nd) — Saunders 1 pass from Johnston (Taylor kick)  
 VT (24 re 2nd) — White 6 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)  
 VT (11:21 re 3rd) — Oxendine 39 run (Graham kick)  
 WVU (11:40 re 4th) — Swoope 16 run (Taylor kick)  
 VT (6:05 re 4th) — Oxendine 2 run (Graham kick)

Team Stats	WVU	VT
First downs	24	18
Rushes-yds.	39-129	38-127
Passing yds.	209	238
Return yds.	140	73
Passes	20-52-1	16-28-1
Punts-avg.	8-37.9	8-43.4
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yds.	7-59	5-39
Time of poss.	32:58	27:02
Sacks by	2-14	5-41

### Individual Leaders

Rushing — WVU, Zereoue 21-84, Swoope 6-53, White 4-22, Vanterpool 1-15, Johnston 7-(-45); VT, Oxendine 19-104, Stith 4-15, Parker 5-14, Edmonds 5-9, Ellison 1-1, Druckenmiller 4-(-16).  
 Passing — WVU, Johnston 20-51-1-209, West 0-1-0-0; VT, Druckenmiller 16-28-1-238.  
 Receiving — WVU, Saunders 9-87, Foreman 4-44, Becht 2-33, Wable 2-29, Green 1-19, Vanterpool 2-(-3); VT, Edmonds 5-79, White 6-77, Scales 4-55, Jennings 1-27.

## Virginia Tech 26 Virginia 9

The Hokies capped their first-ever 10-win regular season with a 26-9 victory over state rival Virginia in Blacksburg. A sellout crowd watched Tech limit the 20th-ranked Cavaliers to just three field goals and score 19 unanswered points in the second half to break the game open. Senior quarterback Jim Druckenmiller tossed two touchdown passes for the Hokies and completed a 72-yard aerial to Cornelius White to set up another score. Flanker Shawn Scales ran 17 yards on a reverse for Tech's final touchdown as the Hokies piled up 413 total yards of offense. Success in the "red zone" was critical in the game as Tech scored touchdowns on four of its five trips inside the UVa 20 yard-line. Virginia, which nearly matched Tech's offensive total with 407 yards, only managed three field goals in its four marches inside the Tech 20.

Virginia	3	6	0	0	—	9
Virginia Tech	0	7	13	6	—	26

UVa (11:00 re 1st) — FG Garcia 19

UVa (11:51 re 2nd) — FG Garcia 29

VT (8:41 re 2nd) — Edmonds 16 pass from Druckenmiller (Kibble kick)

UVa (0:02 re 2nd) — FG Garcia 36

VT (10:09 re 3rd) — Stuewe 21 pass from Druckenmiller (pass failed)

VT (5:42 re 3rd) — Parker 9 run (Kibble kick)

VT (11:12 re 4th) — Scales 17 run (kick failed)



*Tailback Marcus Parker pulls away from UVa defenders to score a touchdown in the Hokies' 26-9 victory.*

Team Stats	UVa	VT
First downs	22	20
Rushes-yds.	41-231	47-216
Passing yds.	176	197
Return yds.	3	35
Passes	12-32-1	15-22-0
Punts-avg.	5-42	5-43
Fumbles-lost	4-1	1-1
Penalties-yds.	9-71	5-47
Time of poss.	28:21	31:39
Sacks by	2-18	3-25

### Individual Leaders

**Rushing** — UVa, T. Barber 21-162,

Sherman 7-42, Brooks 8-22, Kirby 2-3, T. Jones 1-1,

Crowell 1-1, Southern 1-0; VT, Parker 18-80,

Oxendine 16-69, Edmonds 8-30, Scales 1-17,

Druckenmiller 3-15, Kibble 1-5.

**Passing** — UVa, Sherman 2-8-0-36, Brooks

10-24-1-140; VT, Druckenmiller 15-22-0-197.

**Receiving** — UVa, Owen 4-61, Dotson 3-28,

Crowell 2-36, Crawford 2-33, Kirby 1-18; VT, White

5-92, Stuewe 4-44, Jennings 3-42, Edmonds 1-16,

Scales 1-8, Parker 1- (-5).



*Quarterback Jim Druckenmiller gets a victory ride on the shoulders of hundreds of Hokie fans who stormed the field celebrating a 10-1 regular season for Tech.*





# TECH In the Polls

The Virginia Tech football team has been prominent on the national scene the past four years and finished with its highest-ever rankings in the final polls in 1995, ending up 9th in the *USA Today*/CNN coaches poll and 10th in the Associated Press poll.

## 1993

Date	AP	USAT/CNN
10-24-93	NR	#24
10-31-93	#25	#23
11-7-93	NR	NR
11-14-93	#25	#23
11-21-93	#22	#20
11-28-93	#22	#22
Final Regular Season	#22	Tied #20
Final Postseason	#22	#20

## 1994

Date	AP	USAT/CNN
Preseason	#22	#19
8-30-94	#21	no poll
9-4-94	#21	#18
9-11-94	#18	#16
9-18-94	#14	#12
9-25-94	#14	#10
10-2-94	#20	#17
10-9-94	#19	#14
10-16-94	#17	#13
10-23-94	#13	#10
10-30-94	#17	#16
11-6-94	#16	#12
11-13-94	#14	#11
11-20-94	#18	#16
11-27-94	#17	#15
Final Regular Season	#17	#15
Final Postseason	NR	#24

## 1995

Date	AP	USAT/CNN
Preseason	#24	NR
8-28-95	#24	NR
9-3-95	#20	#22
9-10-95	NR	NR
9-17-95	NR	NR
9-24-95	NR	NR
10-1-95	NR	NR
10-8-95	NR	NR
10-15-95	NR	NR
10-22-95	NR	NR
10-29-95	NR	NR
11-5-95	#21	#19
11-12-95	#20	#18
11-19-95	#13	#11
Final Regular Season	#13	#11
Final Postseason	#10	#9

## 1996

Date	AP	USAT/CNN
Preseason	#16	#15
8-25-96	#14	no poll
9-1-96	#15	#14
9-8-96	#19	#19
9-15-96	#18	#16
9-22-96	#18	#16
9-29-96	NR	#23
10-6-96	NR	#23
10-13-96	NR	#23
10-20-96	NR	#21
10-27-96	NR	#20
11-3-96	#25	#17
11-10-96	#21	#13
11-17-96	#17	#9
11-24-96	#17	#9
12-1-96	#11	#9
Final Regular Season	#10	#9

NR: denotes not ranked

## Virginia Tech All-Americans

### Bruce Smith: The Hokies' most honored player

1984 Outland Trophy Winner  
1984 Washington (D.C.) Touchdown Club Lineman of the Year  
1984 Player of the Year in Virginia  
1st Team 1984 Associated Press All-America  
1st Team 1984 Football Writers All-America  
1st Team 1984 Kodak All-America  
1st Team 1984 Walter Camp All-America  
2nd Team 1984 UPI All-America  
1st Team 1984 All-South Independent  
1st Team 1984 UPI All-State

1st Team 1984 All-Metro  
1983 Player of the Year in Virginia  
1st Team 1983 Kodak All-America  
1st Team 1983 NEA All-America  
2nd Team 1983 Associated Press All-America  
1st Team 1983 All-South Independent  
1st Team 1983 UPI All-State  
1st Team 1983 All-Metro  
2nd Team 1982 All-South Independent  
Four-year letterman  
Three-year starter



Bruce Smith: The "Sack Man"

### Other Virginia Tech All-Americans:

#### Carroll Dale, se

1959 1st team Football Writers  
1st team NEA  
2nd team AP

#### Bob Schweickert, qb

1964 1st team Football Writers

#### George Foussekis, de

1966 2nd team AP

#### Frank Loria, db

1966 1st team AP  
1st team Football Writers  
2nd team Helms Foundation

#### 1967 1st team AP

1st team UPI  
1st team NEA  
1st team Football Coaches Assoc.  
1st team Football Writers  
1st team Camp Foundation

#### Mike Widger, lb

1968 1st team AP  
1st team Football Writers

#### Don Strock, qb

1972 3rd team AP

#### Robert Brown, de

1981 2nd team NEA

#### Chris Kinzer, pk

1986 2nd team AP  
2nd team UPI

#### Eugene Chung, OT

1991 1st team Football Writers

#### Jim Pyne, c

1993 1st team Associated Press  
1st team Walter Camp  
1st team UPI  
1st team Football Writers  
1st team Coaches' Kodak

#### J.C. Price, dt

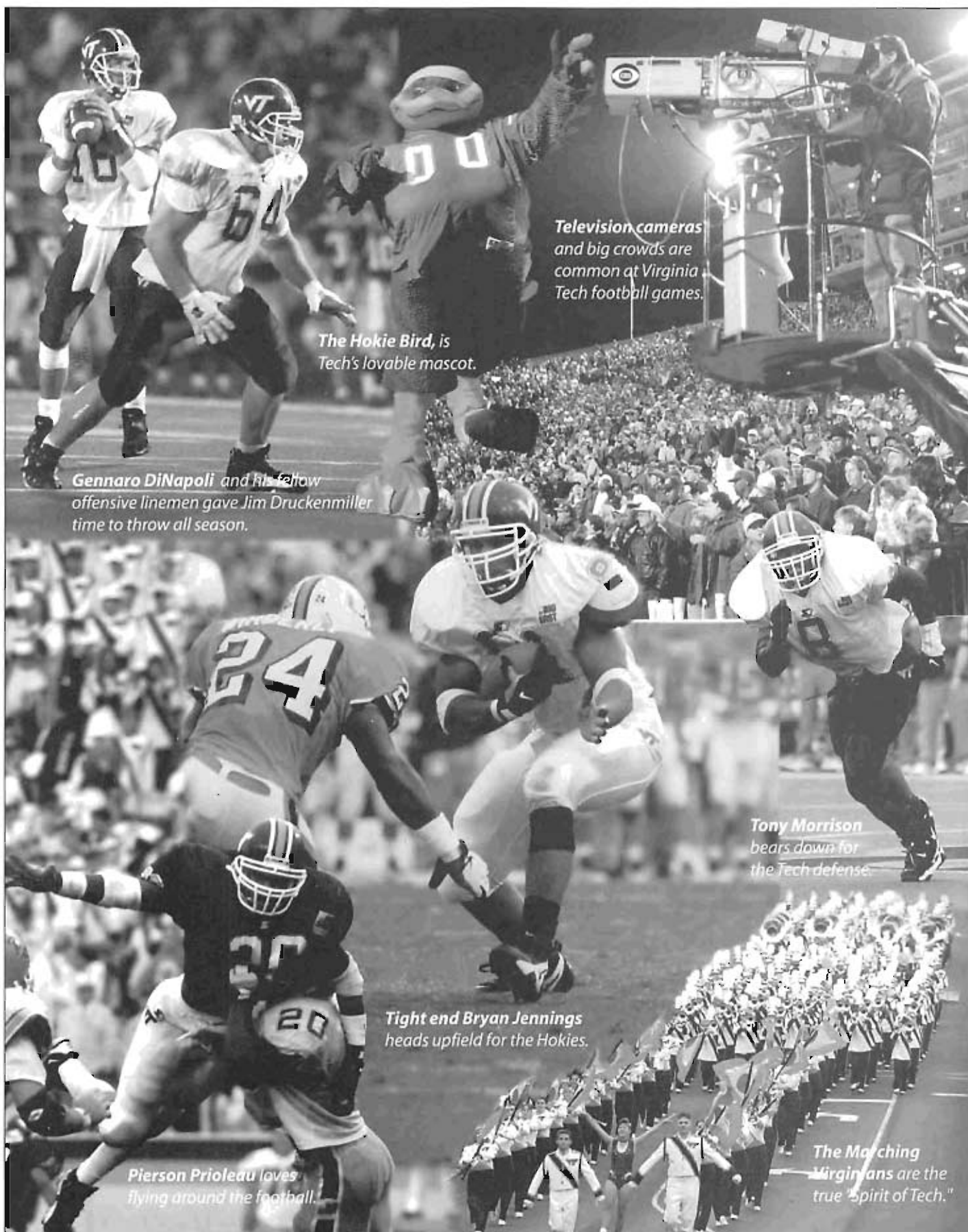
1995 3rd team Associated Press

#### Cornell Brown, de

1995 1st team Associated Press  
1st team UPI  
1st team Football Writers  
1st team *The Sporting News*  
1st team *Football News*  
1996 1st team Walter Camp

#### Billy Conaty, c

1996 1st team *The Sporting News*



*Television cameras and big crowds are common at Virginia Tech football games.*

*The Hokie Bird, is Tech's lovable mascot.*

*Gennaro DiNapoli and his fellow offensive linemen gave Jim Druckenmiller time to throw all season.*

*Tony Morrison bears down for the Tech defense.*

*Tight end Bryan Jennings heads upfield for the Hokies.*

*Pierson Prioleau loves flying around the football.*

*The Marching Virginians are the true "spirit of Tech."*



# 1996 Statistics

Overall Record: 10-1-0 League: 6-1-0

Date	VT	Opp	Att
09/07	21	Akron	18 12,993
09/14	45	Boston College	7 44,500
09/21	30	RUTGERS	14 47,204
09/28	21	Syracuse	52 49,069
10/12	38	TEMPLE	0 44,208
10/26	34	PITTSBURGH	17 43,625
11/02	47	SW LOUISIANA	16 35,643
11/09	35	EAST CAROLINA	14 49,128
11/16	21	Miami	7 38,814
11/23	31	WEST VIRGINIA	14 50,086
11/29	26	VIRGINIA	9 50,128

Team Statistics	VT	Opp
First Downs	231	194
Rushing	122	70
Passing	89	115
Other	20	9
Total Net Yards	4587	3477
Total Plays	772	770
Avg. per Play	5.9	4.5
Avg. per Game	417	316
Net Rushing Yards	2504	1232
Total Attempts	517	385
Avg. per Play	4.8	3.2
Avg. per Game	227.6	112.0
Net Passing Yards	2083	2245
Att/Comp/Int	255/143/6	385/184/12
Avg. per Att.	8.2	5.8
Avg. per Comp.	14.6	12.2
Avg. per Game	189.4	204.1
Punts/Avg/Blk	51/35.8/2	78/38.2/5
Punt Ret/Yds/Avg	44/406/9.2	15/171/11.4
Net Punting	32.4	33.0
Kickoff Ret/Yds/Avg	34/670/19.7	41/810/19.8
Interceptions/Yds	12/231	6/45
Fumbles/Lost	24/14	16/7
Penalties/Yds	53/521	82/660
3rd Dwn Cnv/Att/Pct	61/147/41.5	59/167/35.3
Time of Possession	341:20	318:40

Scoring by Qt.	1	2	3	4	Tot	Avg.
VT	90	69	108	82	349	31.7
Opp	44	51	31	42	168	15.3

Rushing	GP	ATT	YDG	YDL	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	OPP	PER GM
Oxendine, Ken	9	150	914	24	890	5.9	13	71	Tem	98.9
Stith, Shyrone	11	89	486	12	474	5.3	5	35	SWL	43.1
Parker, Marcus	7	82	476	9	467	5.7	4	73	Tem	66.7
Edmonds, Brian	10	67	298	5	293	4.4	4	21	BC	29.3
Druckenmiller, Jim	11	74	352	147	205	2.8	0	33	UVa	18.5
Gildersleeve, Marcus	9	24	104	11	93	3.9	0	13	BC	10.3
Ellison, Shelly	11	9	28	0	28	3.1	0	9	Akr	2.5
Scales, Shawn	11	3	30	7	23	7.7	1	17	UVa	2.1
Flowers, William	9	0	16	0	16		0	16	Syr	1.8
Layne, Aaron	8	6	14	0	14	2.3	0	6	BC	1.8
Hawkins, Cullen	11	2	9	0	9	4.5	0	5	Akr	.8
Clark, Al	6	8	23	15	8	1.0	0	8	Syr	1.3
Kibble, Jim	11	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	UVa	.5
Team	11	1	0	7	-7	-7.0	0	-6		
Thomas, John	5	1	0	14	-14	-14.0	0		Akr	-2.8
Total	11	517	2755	251	2504	4.8	27	73	Tem	227.6
Opponents	11	385	1702	470	1232	3.2	9	80	UVa	112.0

Passing	GP	ATT	COM	INT	YDS	%COM	TD	LNG	OPP	PER GM	%EFF
Druckenmiller, Jim	11	250	142	5	2071	56.8	17	72	UVa	188.3	144.8
Clark, Al	6	5	1	1	12	20.0	0	12	BC	2.0	.2
Total	11	255	143	6	2083	56.1	17	72	UVa	189.4	142.0
Opponents	11	385	184	12	2245	47.8	10	74	ECU	204.1	99.1

Receiving	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	OPP	PER GM
Scales, Shawn	11	30	510	17.0	4	71	Pit	46.4
White, Cornelius	11	30	449	15.0	4	72	UVa	40.8
Stuewe, Michael	11	25	385	15.4	5	65	ECU	35.0
Edmonds, Brian	10	15	223	14.9	2	35	WVU	22.3
Jennings, Bryan	11	12	159	13.3	2	27	WVU	14.5
Harrison, Angelo	7	7	99	14.1	0	31	Rut	14.1
Oxendine, Ken	9	4	74	16.5	0	52	Syr	8.2
Crawford, James	11	4	65	16.3	0	23	ECU	5.9
Parker, Marcus	7	7	50	7.1	0	17	UM	7.1
Gildersleeve, Marcus	9	4	31	7.8	0	14	BC	3.4
Stith, Shyrone	11	4	26	6.5	0	13	Rut	2.4
Ford, Walter	4	1	12	12.0	0	12	BC	3.0
Total	11	143	2083	14.6	17	72	UVa	189.4
Opponents	11	184	2245	12.2	10	74	ECU	204.1

Punting	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	LNG	OPP	BLK
Kibble, Jim	11	32	1193	37.3	60	UVa	0
Thomas, John	5	17	632	37.2	47	Akr	0
Team	11	2	0	.0		Pit	2
Total	11	51	1825	35.8	60	UVa	2
Opponents	11	78	2977	38.2	70	Syr	5

Field Goals	GP	10-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOT	LNG	OPP
Graham, Shayne	10	7/8	3/5	0/2	0/1	10/16	35	Rut
Kibble, Jim	11	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0	0/1		UVa
Total	11	7/8	3/5	0/3	0/1	10/17	35	Rut
Opponents	11	3/4	3/5	1/2	0/0	7/11	49	Pit

Punt Returns	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	OPP
Harrison, Angelo	7	22	189	8.6	0	21	Tem
Scales, Shawn	11	14	125	8.9	0	24	UVa
White, Cornelius	11	1	60	60.0	1	60	Syr
Carpenter, Keion	11	2	20	10.0	0	13	Tem
Stuewe, Michael	11	1	8	8.0	0	8	SWL
Tan, Edmund	11	0	4		0	4	SWL
Ford, Walter	4	4	0	.0	0	4	Rut
Total	11	44	406	9.2	1	60	Syr
Opponents	11	15	171	11.4	1	32	WVU

Kick Off Returns	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	OPP
Scales, Shawn	11	12	312	26.0	0	61	SWL
Banks, Antonio	9	9	171	19.0	0	33	BC
Ford, Walter	4	5	84	16.8	0	19	Syr
Hawkins, Cullen	11	3	45	15.0	0	25	Pit
Parker, Marcus	7	3	31	10.3	0	15	WVU
Edmonds, Brian	10	1	14	14.0	0	14	BC
Miles, Shaune	9	1	13	13.0	0	13	UM
Total	11	34	670	19.7	0	61	SWL
Opponents	11	41	810	19.8	0	52	Pit



Marcus Parker, helped along by a quartet of Tech blockers, races for a touchdown against Temple.

Total Offense	GP	RUSH	PASS	TOT	PER GM
Druckenmiller, Jim	11	205	2071	2276	206.9
Oxendine, Ken	9	890	0	890	98.9
Parker, Marcus	7	467	0	467	66.7
Edmonds, Brian	10	293	0	293	29.3

All Purpose	GP	RUSH	RECV	KOR	PR	OTH	TOT	PER GM
Oxendine, Ken	9	890	74	0	0	0	964	107.1
Edmonds, Brian	10	293	223	14	0	0	530	53.0
Parker, Marcus	7	467	50	31	0	0	548	78.3
White, Cornelius	11	0	449	0	60	0	509	46.3
Scales, Shawn	11	23	510	312	125	0	970	88.2

Scoring	GP	TDR	TDP	TDO	PAT	2PT	FG	SAF	PTS
Oxendine, Ken	9	13	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	78
Graham, Shayne	10	0	0	0	39-39	0-0	10-16	0	69
Edmonds, Brian	10	4	2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	36
Scales, Shawn	11	1	4	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	30
Stith, Shyrone	11	5	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	30
Stuewe, Michael	11	0	5	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	30
White, Cornelius	11	0	4	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	30
Parker, Marcus	7	4	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	24
Jennings, Bryan	11	0	2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	12
Carpenter, Keion	11	0	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	6
Kibble, Jim	11	0	0	0	2-3	0-0	0-1	0	2
Harrison, Angelo	7	0	0	0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0	2
Team	11	0	0	0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0
Druckenmiller, Jim	11	0	0	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0
Total	11	27	17	2	41-44	1-2	10-17	0	349
Opponents	11	9	10	2	19-21	0-0	7-11	1	168



Hokie defender Danny Wheel puts pressure on a Pitt Panther.



It's another big defensive play for Tech cornerback Antonio Banks.

Defense	GP	TAC	AST	TOT	TFL-YDS	SAC-YDS	REC	BRK	QB HUR
Semones, Brandon	11	57	31	88	8 28	5 54	0	5	6
Newsome, Myron	10	46	38	84	6 12	1 9	0	2	6
Gray, Torrian	11	58	18	76	1 1	0 0	2	10	0
Prioleau, Pierson	11	41	30	71	3 16	2 14	1	6	6
Engelberger, John	11	33	31	64	1 1	6 40	0	2	11
Tate, Steve	11	36	24	60	0 0	0 0	0	3	4
Brown, Cornell	8	32	26	58	5 12	8 45	2	3	19
Jackson, Waverly	11	21	36	57	2 3	3 18	0	0	8
Hairston, Kerwin	11	18	34	52	1 3	6 34	0	2	8
Wheel, Danny	11	22	29	51	3 6	2 13	0	0	15
Morrison, Tony	6	30	20	50	3 10	2 16	0	0	6
Banks, Antonio	9	31	18	49	1 1	0 0	0	3	0
Johnson, Loren	11	39	5	44	3 22	0 0	0	14	0
Midget, Anthony	11	25	7	32	0 0	1 5	1	5	1
Baylor, Brad	6	11	20	31	1 1	1 4	1	0	3
Smith, Jamel	10	12	9	21	1 3	1 13	0	1	2
Berish, Jason	9	11	8	19	1 3	3 16	0	1	1
Williams, Nat	8	8	11	19	0 0	3 32	0	1	6
Carpenter, Keion	11	13	5	18	0 0	0 0	0	1	0
Whipple, Cody	11	8	3	11	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
Nelson, Jomo	11	4	6	10	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
Miles, Shaine	9	5	4	9	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
Bradley, Carl	7	1	7	8	1 1	0 0	0	0	4
Edmond, Tyron	9	4	3	7	0 0	1 5	0	1	0
Cyrus, Chris	2	2	3	5	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
Kibble, Jim	11	3	2	5	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
Irby, Korey	11	3	2	5	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
Hawkes, Michael	8	2	2	4	1 2	0 0	0	0	0
Stuewe, Michael	11	2	2	4	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
Stith, Shyrone	11	2	1	3	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
Beamer, Shane	11	1	2	3	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
Wade, Tim	11	0	2	2	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
Hunt, Steven	1	0	1	1	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
Joe, Tony	7	0	1	1	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
Team	11	0	0	0	0 0	1 15	0	0	0

Interceptions	GP	NO	YDS	TD	LNG	OPP
Banks, Antonio	9	4	63	0	45	Tem
Johnson, Loren	11	3	57	0	57	Pit
Gray, Torrian	11	2	0	0		
Midget, Anthony	11	1	0	0		
Semones, Brandon	11	1	11	0	11	WVU
Carpenter, Keion	11	1	100	1	100	UM
Total	11	12	231	1	100	UM
Opponents	11	6	45	1	20	Syr

Miscellaneous	GP	NO	YDS	TD	LNG	OPP
Brown, Cornell	8	1	8	0	8	WVU
Gray, Torrian	11	1	10	0	10	SWL
Total	11	2	18	0	10	SWL
Opponents	11	1	4	0	4	Syr

#### Blocked kicks:

VT: Keion Carpenter (3 punts)  
John Engelberger (PAT)  
Cornelius White (punt, ret. for TD)  
Michael Stuewe (punt)  
Opp: Boston College (punt)  
Syracuse (punt, ret. for TD)

#### Deflected kicks:

VT: Waverly Jackson (FG)  
Opp: Miami (FG)

Total Sacks: VT 43-320; Opp. 15-101

4th-Down Conversions: VT 6-11; Opp. 6-18





# TECH Bowl History

Virginia Tech's 28-10 Nokia Sugar Bowl victory over Texas last season stands alone as the Hokies' crowning achievement in postseason football play. But the Techmen, who are headed to their 10th bowl game and fourth in a row, always seem to find a way to create a special brand of excitement in postseason play.

The 1996 Sugar Bowl was special. It was the most prestigious bowl appearance ever for the Hokies and they made the most of it. Tech overcame a 10-point deficit to beat Texas and score one of the most stirring victories in the school's athletic history.

A roaring crowd of 70,283 at the Superdome saw Tech win behind the leadership of Most Valuable Player Bryan Still.

The momentum changed dramatically when Still returned a punt 60 yards for a Tech touchdown with 2:34 left in the first half.

Tech got the lead in the third quarter at 14-10 on a one-yard plunge by Marcus Parker. Then Still got back into the act. He hauled in a 54-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jim Druckenmiller on a play that spelled doom for the Longhorns.

The Tech defense blitzed Texas quarterback James Brown into submission. He was sacked five times and threw three pass interceptions.

It was Tech's defense that accounted for the team's final touchdown with 5:06 left in the game. All-American Cornell Brown picked up his second sack of the game, causing a fumble. Tackle Jim Baron scooped up the ball and ran 20 yards to score.

Other bowl games also provided high excitement for Tech fans.

Who will ever forget The Kick? It ended perhaps the most exciting bowl game of the 1986 season as Virginia Tech's Chris Kinzer booted a 40-yard field goal to vault the Hokies past North Carolina State in the New Peach Bowl. The 25-24 victory came with no time showing on the clock and provided Tech with one of its top moments in football history.

The winning drive started with 1:53 remaining in the game. Tech covered 57 yards in 11 plays to move to the State 23-yard line. In the drive, Tech converted a crucial fourth-and-three to move to the N.C. State 28-yard line with 15 seconds remaining. Tech was whistled for holding on the next play which forced the Hokies to try for a game-winning touchdown pass. Tech wingback David Everett was interfered with by a Wolfpack defender at the goal line and that set up the big moment for Kinzer.

Almost as dynamic was Tech's 45-20 win over Indiana of the Big 10 Conference in the 1993 Independence Bowl game.

The last minute of the first half of the Independence Bowl will be most remembered for its unbelievable action-packed ending. Virginia Tech was leading Indiana, 14-13, with only 35 seconds left until halftime and Indiana had the ball on the Tech 49-yard line, when DeWayne Knight exploded through the IU offensive line to cause a fumble. J.C. Price had his hands on the ball but he could not control it. That is when Lawrence Lewis got "the world's greatest bounce," returning the loose ball 20 yards for a touchdown to give Tech a 21-13 lead over the Hoosiers.

The Hokies, however, were not finished with their dramatics. Tech's Jeff Hollar blocked the Hoosiers' field goal try with no time left in the first half and Antonio Banks settled under the ball and raced

80 yards for a score to give the Hokies a 28-13 halftime lead.

In Tech's first trip to the Independence Bowl in 1984, Outland Trophy winner Bruce Smith led Tech against the Air Force Falcons. Tech's powerful defensive unit held Air Force to only three first downs in the first half, but the Falcons got rolling in the second half. Quarterback Bart Weiss, named the game's Most Valuable Player, was the ringleader as Air Force won the battle, 23-7.

The first bowl bid that Tech received followed the 1946 season, when the Hokies played Cincinnati in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas. An early snow covered Blacksburg that year and threatened to end all football practices. Bulldozers and snow plows were used to clear a practice area on the Drillfield and the Hokies got in their bowl preparations. The Tech team encountered more snowy weather when it reached El Paso. But the game was played on a snow-free field with Cincinnati coming out on top, 18-6.

It was not until 1966 that Tech received another bowl bid. This time, the Hokies were chosen to participate in the Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Tenn., against Miami (Fla.). The Hokies were 8-1-1 entering the contest and were led by All-American defensive back Frank Loria.

Miami, ranked ninth nationally, won 14-7, in a hard-hitting defensive struggle. The Techmen scored first on a two-yard plunge by Tommy Francisco. But the Miami defense held Tech to only one first down the last three quarters.

Two years later in 1968, Tech returned to the Liberty Bowl and squared off against Mississippi. The Hokies were 7-3 after a rocky 2-3 start and were led by another defensive All-American, linebacker Mike Widger. Ole Miss had a quarterback by the name of Archie Manning and he sparked the Rebels to a 34-17 victory after Tech had taken a 17-0 first-quarter lead.

A member of Tech's 1966 and '68 bowl teams was none other than current head coach Frank Beamer, who was a starting defensive back. He was credited with three tackles in the 1968 game.

Tech next went bowling against Miami (Fla.) in 1980 and lost 20-10 in a hard-fought Peach Bowl contest. That Hokie team sported an 8-3 record and featured one of the finest defensive units in college football.

Tech tailback Cyrus Lawrence emerged as one of the biggest stars of the game. He rushed for 134 yards and scored the lone Hokie touchdown. Ashley Lee, then a freshman linebacker, had 15 tackles for the Techmen.

The Hokies fell to a tough Tennessee team, 45-23, in a transplanted Gator Bowl contest at Florida Field in Gainesville December 30, 1994.

The high-powered Volunteer offense totaled 495 yards in the affair behind their highly-touted tailback James (Little Man) Stewart. Stewart, Tennessee's all-time leading rusher, rushed for three touchdowns and threw for another score en route to earning the game's Most Valuable Player award.

Tech's Dwayne Thomas would not be outdone, dazzling the 62,200 fans in attendance by rushing 19 times for 102 yards and one touchdown. Thomas had a one-yard burst for a score in the second quarter and rambled 27 yards to set up Maurice DeShazo's seven-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

## Virginia Tech in Bowl Games

1946	Sun Bowl	.....	Cincinnati 18, Virginia Tech 6
1966	Liberty Bowl	.....	Miami (Fla.) 14, Virginia Tech 7
1968	Liberty Bowl	.....	Mississippi 34, Virginia Tech 17
1980	Peach Bowl	.....	Miami (Fla.) 20, Virginia Tech 10
1984	Independence Bowl	.....	Air Force 23, Virginia Tech 7
1986	Peach Bowl	.....	Virginia Tech 25, N. C. State 24
1993	Independence Bowl	.....	Virginia Tech 45, Indiana 20
1994	Gator Bowl	.....	Tennessee 45, Virginia Tech 23
1995	Sugar Bowl	.....	Virginia Tech 28, Texas 10

# It's Boom Time For Tech Athletics

## Tech Athletes Excel In A Number of Sports — And in Classroom, Too

Virginia Tech's meteoric rise to national prominence in football is just one of the many examples of the progress made in athletics under the guidance of Dave Braine. The Hokies' athletic director, now concluding his ninth season on the job, has played a vital role in upgrading the university's status in all sports.

Four straight bowl games and high national rankings have made Virginia Tech a major force on the football scene. But basketball and other sports are doing well, too.

The Hokie basketballers under veteran Coach Bill Foster swept the championship of the National Invitation Tournament with a dramatic overtime victory over Marquette in 1995. Then Tech kept up the good work last season with a 23-6 record and a berth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament.

In basketball, the Techmen's 48-16 record the past two seasons is the best in school history for any similar period of time.

In its first season as a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference for most sports except football, Tech captured three championships. The Hokies came in first in golf and men's and women's tennis. The men's basketballers finished first in the West Division during the regular season with a 13-3 record.

In the Atlantic 10 All-Sports race, the Tech men's teams captured first place in 1995-96 while the Tech women's teams were fourth.

Prior to joining the Atlantic 10, Tech was a member of the old Metro Conference. In the 1994-95 school year, Tech won the Metro Conference All-Sports championship for a third straight year. The Hokies' women's teams captured the same honor in 1992-93 and finished second the next two years.

Highlighting the 1994-95 school year were five championships. Tech captured the Metro regular season title in women's basketball and competed in the NCAA Tournament. The baseball team won the regular season crown and the Hokies also took home titles in men's cross country and indoor track.

One big plus for Tech is its outstanding sports complex. The Hokies' facilities for athletics are considered

among the best in the country. Lane Stadium/Worsham Field is a wonderful setting for college football. The arena seats 51,000.

Tech presently is adding to its fine facilities with the construction of a beautiful outdoor track and soccer complex and new softball fields. Ground was broken in November for an \$8 million all-purpose athletic center to be called The Merryman Athletic Complex.

Tech's success has come both in the classroom and on the playing field. In the fall of 1994, *Time* Magazine ran a chart evaluating the graduation rate of schools ranked in the Top 25 in football. Tech finished sixth behind Penn State, UCLA, Michigan, Stanford and Notre Dame.

Braine and others in the Tech athletic department say the best is yet to come. "Even though we have been successful, we haven't scratched the surface," Braine said. "We are going to move forward in pursuit of even greater success, both on the playing field and in the classroom."



*Tech basketball star Ace Custis is interviewed after the Hokies won the 1995 National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden in New York City.*



*An Executive Salute: Virginia Governor George Allen paid tribute to the Hokies' 1995 championship football season. Pictured at the Governor's Mansion are George DelRicco, Mike Bianchin, Gov. Allen, Frank Beamer, Hank Coleman and Jermaine Holmes.*



# ORANGE Bowl Pro Player Stadium

The Orange Bowl game and festival, one of the nation's most colorful annual spectacles, is a story of imagination and foresight born by men in the middle of a national depression, having little local resources upon which to rely but an appealing climate.

During the late 1920s and early '30s, Hialeah Race Course was the winter home of some of the world's finest thoroughbreds. During its winter season, the area's hotels and restaurants were bustling with those who came to Miami to follow the horses. It didn't take long for civic leaders to realize a Northerner's attraction to the Florida sunshine.

The Bowl game's founders, George R. Hussey and Earnie Seiler of the University of Miami, joined forces with football powerhouse Manhattan College's Chick Meehan to pit the two schools against each other in the first contest.

The outcome was just as crazy as Miami beat mighty Manhattan, 7-0, in a game played on a Moore Park field six inches deep in sand. The tradition that began that day later grew in the single largest tourist attraction in Miami.

The name Orange Bowl was put before the group and immediately embraced and the January 1, 1935 game was played for the first time under the Orange Bowl banner. Bucknell was invited to oppose the Hurricanes and the Bison routed Miami, 26-0.

With a full year to prepare for the 1936 contest and riding the crest of a wave of national publicity achieved in the initial contest, the Committee decided to expand and hold a lavish parade on New Year's Day along with another football game.

By now, the organization referred to itself as the Orange Bowl Committee. It decided to arrange a game with two out-of-state teams, reasoning that two teams would double the nationwide interest. Thus, Catholic University was chosen to represent the North and Mississippi the South.

The new Orange Bowl Stadium was dedicated on December 10, 1937, and was ready for the '38 Auburn-Michigan State game (The Orange Bowl Stadium underwent five expansions over the next 62 years.)

On March 3, 1939, Earnie Seiler became the bowl's first full-time business manager. On May 15, the Orange Bowl Committee

## 1996 Schedule of Events

### Thursday, December 26

- \* Orange Bowl Welcome Party, 6 p.m., Miami Seaquarium

### Friday, December 27

- \* First Union National Bank Orange Bowl Coaches & Hall of Honor Luncheon, 11 a.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel
- \* Orange Bowl Poinsetta Ball, 9 p.m., Hyatt Downtown Miami
- \* Orange Bowl Regatta Series, 9 a.m., Biscayne Bay, Coconut Grove
- \* Orange Bowl Sunshine Open Wrestling Tournament, 8 a.m., Broward Convention Center

### Saturday, December 28

- \* Orange Bowl Fishing Tournament, 6:45 a.m., Miami Beach Marina
- \* Orange Bowl Media Day, 9-10 a.m., 11-Noon, Practice Sites
- \* Orange Bowl Fashion Show and Luncheon, 10:30 a.m., Biltmore
- \* HIP Health Plan Orange Bowl Basketball Classic, DePaul vs. Miami, 1 p.m., Miami Arena
- \* Orange Bowl Parade, 6:30 p.m., Biscayne Blvd., Downtown Miami

### Sunday, December 29

- \* Tropicana Beach Band Bash, 11 a.m., Crandon Park
- \* HealthSouth Orange Bowl VIP Golf Tournament, 1 p.m., Doral Golf Resort and Spa

### Monday, December 30

- \* FCA Orange Bowl Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel
- \* Media Cruise, 7 p.m., Bayside

### Tuesday, December 31

- \* Columbia Orange Bowl Pregame Party, 3:30 p.m.
- \* Barnett Bank Corporate Hospitality Village, 3:30 p.m.
- \* 63rd annual FedEx Orange Bowl, 7 p.m., Pro Player Stadium

incorporated as a non-profit organization and the Charter was signed by the first membership.

Seiler's successful marketing approach and his subsequent delivery of undefeated Oklahoma catapulted the Orange Bowl to the "big time" in 1939.

Oklahoma coach Tom Stidham, a friend of Tennessee coach General Robert Neyland, asked Neyland to bring the second-ranked Vols to Miami. The matchup of undefeated teams led to such media and public interest that, for the first time, the demand for tickets was more than the bowl could accommodate. More than 10,000 requests were denied and 32,191 fans jammed in the stadium, despite a listed capacity of 22,050.

In the years that followed, the Orange Bowl grew into one of college football's "Big Four" bowls, taking its place with the Cotton, Sugar and Rose in producing championship football year in and year out. In its 62 years, the Orange Bowl Committee has seen 13 national champions come out of Miami, including four between 1991 and 1995.

Four national championship games were put together by the Orange Bowl

Committee in the 1980s, largely due to the strength of the Big Eight and the arrival of the University of Miami on the national scene. Oklahoma made six Orange Bowl appearances and Nebraska four, with each school playing in two title games. The Orange Bowl game added corporate sponsor Federal Express to its title for the '90 game, pushing its payout to \$4 million per team.

In the fall of 1994, the Orange Bowl Committee voted to move its game to Pro Player Park, formerly known as Joe Robbie Stadium, as a condition of being included in a new three-bowl alliance. The Alliance awarded the Fiesta Bowl the national championship in 1996, the Sugar Bowl in 1997 and the Orange in 1998.

With the first Bowl Alliance game in 1996 came the end of the longtime contractual relationship between the Big Eight and the Orange Bowl. All told, the conference had a team in the bowl for 36 of the previous 40 years. Also ended was a 31-year relationship with NBC.

The Jan. 1, 1996 FedEx Orange Bowl, a four-point, Florida State victory over Notre Dame, was the last game played under the Orange Bowl banner in the old Orange Bowl Stadium. It was televised by CBS.

# Highlights

## Of Greater Miami And the Beaches

- One of the oldest neighborhoods in Greater Miami, Coconut Grove's charming and carefree atmosphere attracts visitors of all ages. People-watching rates high priority in this popular dining, entertainment and shopping district.

- World-famous hotels line the sweeping, 300-foot-wide beach that stretches more than 10 miles along the Atlantic Ocean. Miami Beach's two-mile boardwalk offers sightseers an uninterrupted ocean view.

- Bayside Marketplace is the center of activity in downtown Miami. Curving around Biscayne Bay, the \$93 million, newly renovated retail and dining centerpiece features fun, food, fashion, boat rides and ongoing entertainment.

- More than a quarter-mile of neon lighting suspended above the Miami River turned this Metrorail bridge into a stunning work of art and a Greater Miami landmark.

- Originally a rock quarry, the historic Venetian Pool in Coral Gables was transformed in 1924 into a beautiful swimming lagoon adorned with caves, cascading waterfalls and arched bridges.

- The world-renowned Bal Harbour Shops boast one of Greater Miami and the Beaches' most outstanding collections of "haute couture" specialty boutiques in a tropical garden setting.

- Greater Miami and the Beaches has evolved into a distinctive dining mecca. Inspired by Caribbean and Latin American influences, as well as traditional ethnic fare, fresh seafood and tropical fruits. Miami's "New World" cuisine reflects the area's multicultural influences.

- An architectural treasure of Art Deco styles graces the properties along Ocean Drive on Miami Beach, creating a spectacular setting for this popular dining and entertainment district.



*Pleasure craft on Biscayne Bay framed by downtown Miami's dramatic skyline.*

- At the 290-acre, cageless Miami Metrozoo, more than 2,000 animals from around the world roam freely in habitats similar to their natural environments.

- Vizcaya Museum & Gardens, an Italian Renaissance-style palace lavishly furnished with 15th- to 19th-century European antiques and works of art, was built in 1916 as the winter "cottage" of industrialist James Deering.

- The Lipton International Players Championships, the fifth largest tennis tournament in the world, brings the sport's top names to Key Biscayne.

- Metro-Dade County's Dropped Bowl with Scattered Slices and Peels is one of the many outdoor artworks comprising Art in Public Places, just one element of the growing cultural arts scene in Greater Miami and the Beaches.

- The Port of Miami is the world's busiest cruise port. Approximately 20 luxury liners operate from its terminals, carrying more than 3.1 million passengers annually.

- Parrot Jungle and Gardens, an oasis of exotic flowering trees and plants, is home to free-flying and performing parrots, macaws, flamingos and other tropical birds.

- Airboats skim across the shallow waters of the Everglades, South Florida's unique ecological wonderland of sawgrass plains, hammocks, mangroves, and rare wildlife. Rides are available at the Miccosukee Indian Village, 25 miles west of downtown Miami.

- Greater Miami and the Beaches is a paradise for water-sports enthusiasts. The sparkling waters off the Sunny Isles Beach shoreline are perfect for fishing, diving or just catching a wave.

- Carnival Miami is the nation's largest Hispanic celebration evoking the jubilant tradition of Rio during nine days of merry-making. The festival begins with the pageantry of Carnival Night at the Orange Bowl and culminates with the Calle Ocho Festival — a 23-block street party featuring dance, food, costumed revelers and top Latin entertainers.

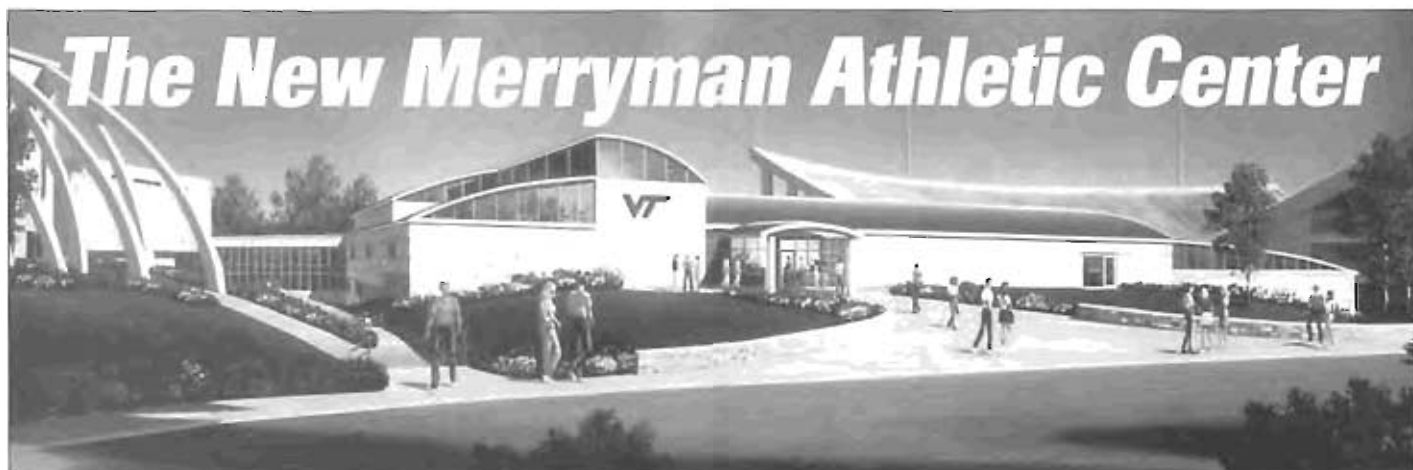
- Greater Miami's brilliant azure waters, white sand and blue skies have drawn people for a century. The community's pristine beaches include 15 renowned miles in Bal Harbour, Key Biscayne, Miami Beach, Sunny Isles Beach and Surfside.

- Greater Miami's parimutuels — horse racing, dog racing, and the ancient Basque sport of jai-alai — are a good bet for exciting entertainment.





# BUILDING For The Future



As Virginia Tech's athletic program soars to unprecedented heights, officials are taking the necessary steps to keep the ball rolling by upgrading the University's sports facilities.

Tech broke ground in November for an \$8 million multi-purpose athletic project which will encompass a new facility for conditioning and weightlifting, an auditorium, academic center and improved sports medicine complex.

The new facility will be a two-story addition built on the west side of The Jamerson Athletic Center, which is located in the heart of the athletic complex between Cassell Coliseum and Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. The project also calls for some first floor interior renovation of Cassell Coliseum and The Jamerson Center.

The facility will be named for the F.W. (Sonny) Merryman, Jr., family of Rustburg, Va., which has presented the University a large gift for the athletic project.

Lu Merritt, director of development for athletics, said a large share of the \$8 million needed for the project already has been committed by alumni and friends of the university.

Dave Braine, Tech's director of athletics, said, "This new facility will be a tremendous boost to our overall athletic program. With the addition, I think we will have one of the finest athletic complexes in the country.

"We are most thankful for the support of the Merryman family and the many others who have shown such great interest in this project."

The total basic area of the new addition will be 40,720 square feet with an alternate first floor enclosed connection of 1,100 square feet. Architects' drawings call for a glass-enclosed corridor on the second floor which will connect the new building with the Jamerson Athletic Center.

The first floor area of approximately 24,150 square feet will include a conditioning and weightlifting complex, a multi-purpose gymnasium and an area for sports medicine and training.

The second floor, approximately 15,570 square feet, will house a new entrance area to the athletic department with exhibits and memorabilia, an academic center, new classroom areas and a 130-seat auditorium suite which will be used as position meeting rooms for coaches during football season.

The addition of a new entrance area is welcomed by everyone in Tech athletics. The Jamerson Athletic Center, originally

constructed in 1982, does not presently have a central receptionist area.

The renovation project calls for the enlargement of the football locker rooms to include 120 additional lockers with expanded shower facilities and air conditioning.

The new project will be a tremendous asset to all Tech sports teams. Football Coach Frank Beamer is particularly elated.

"Our goal is to continue to have a championship football program," Beamer said. "In order to do that, we also must have championship-type facilities. We have had good facilities for a long time. We want to be the best in the BIG EAST Conference in every respect, however, and this new project will put us there as far as facilities are concerned."

Beamer takes special pride in proposed plans for a new weight conditioning room and speed training area. "In Mike Gentry, we have one of the nation's leaders in strength, conditioning and speed work," Beamer said. "This will give us a facility to match his talents." Tech athletics presently do speed training in a small back gym at Cassell Coliseum.

"It also is pleasing that we will upgrade our football locker rooms," Beamer says. "We now are in the same area where I dressed as a player in the 1960s."



**Groundbreaking** for the Merryman Athletic Center took place in November. Coach Frank Beamer addresses the crowd with university president Paul Torgersen (left) and Sonny Merryman in the background.

# TECH Superlatives



## Individual Superlatives

LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE: 73 yards, by Marcus Parker vs. Temple  
 LONGEST PASS COMPLETION: 72 yards, Jim Druckenmiller to Cornelius White vs. Virginia  
 LONGEST PUNT RETURN:\* 24 yards, by Shawn Scales vs. Virginia  
 LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN: 61 yards, by Shawn Scales vs. Southwestern Louisiana  
 LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN: 100 yards, by Keion Carpenter vs. Miami  
 LONGEST FUMBLE RETURN: 10 yards, by Torrian Gray vs. Southwestern Louisiana  
 LONGEST PUNT: 60 yards, by Jimmy Kibble vs. Virginia  
 LONGEST FIELD GOAL: 35 yards, by Shayne Graham vs. Rutgers  
 MOST RUSHING CARRIES: 22, by Ken Oxendine vs. Southwestern Louisiana  
 MOST RUSHING YARDS: 163, by Ken Oxendine vs. Temple  
 MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS: 37, by Jim Druckenmiller vs. Rutgers  
 MOST PASSING COMPLETIONS: 24, by Jim Druckenmiller vs. Rutgers  
 MOST PASSING YARDS: 282, by Jim Druckenmiller vs. Rutgers

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES THROWN: 3, by Jim Druckenmiller vs. East Carolina  
 MOST PASSES CAUGHT: 7, by Michael Stuewe vs. Rutgers  
 MOST YARDS ON RECEPTIONS: 103, by Cornelius White vs. Boston College  
 MOST YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: 335, by Jim Druckenmiller vs. Rutgers  
 MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, by Ken Oxendine vs. Temple  
 MOST TOUCHDOWNS BY RECEPTIONS: 2, by Bryan Jennings vs. BC; Shawn Scales vs. Pitt; Cornelius White vs. WVU  
 MOST POINTS: 18, by Ken Oxendine vs. Temple  
 MOST POINTS KICKING: 17, by Shayne Graham vs. Southwestern Louisiana  
 MOST TOTAL TACKLES: 18, by Myron Newsome vs. Syracuse  
 MOST PRIMARY TACKLES: 10, by Tony Morrison vs. Syracuse  
 MOST INTERCEPTIONS: 1, by six different players

\*Blocked punts not included



Virginia Tech center Billy Conaty was named first team All-America by The Sporting News.

## Offensive High and Low Marks

	BEST	WORST
FIRST DOWNS	29 vs. Rutgers	12 vs. Syracuse
Rushing	19 vs. Southwestern Louisiana	5 vs. Syracuse, Miami, W.Va.
Passing	15 vs. Rutgers	2 vs. Temple
RUSHING YARDS	349 vs. Temple	111 vs. Syracuse
PASSING YARDS	282 vs. Rutgers	81 vs. Akron
TOTAL OFFENSE	591 vs. East Carolina	297 vs. Akron
OFFENSIVE PLAYS	86 vs. Rutgers	57 vs. Temple
Rushing Att.	63 vs. Southwestern Louisiana	36 vs. Syracuse
Passing Att.	37 vs. Rutgers	11 vs. Temple
PASSES COMPLETED	24 vs. Rutgers	5 vs. Temple
PASSES HAD INT.	0, seven times	3 vs. Syracuse
FUMBLES LOST	0 vs. Boston College, Miami	3 vs. Akron, East Carolina
YARDS PENALIZED	10 vs. Syracuse	77 vs. Boston College
POINTS SCORED	47 vs. Southwestern Louisiana	21 vs. Akron, Syracuse, Miami

## Defensive High and Low Marks

	BEST	WORST
FIRST DOWNS	12 vs. Temple	24 vs. Miami, WVU
Rushing	2 vs. Rutgers, USL, ECU	14 vs. Syracuse
Passing	4 vs. Temple	18 vs. Miami
RUSHING YARDS	30 vs. Akron	338 vs. Syracuse
PASSING YARDS	103 vs. Temple	340 vs. Miami
TOTAL OFFENSE	197 vs. Temple	461 vs. Syracuse
OFFENSIVE PLAYS	56 vs. Southwestern Louisiana	91 vs. West Virginia
Rushing Att.	22 vs. Southwestern Louisiana	62 vs. Syracuse
Passing Att.	12 vs. Syracuse	52 vs. West Virginia
PASSES COMPLETED	8 vs. Syracuse	28 vs. Miami
PASSES INTERCEPTED	2, four times	0 vs. Akron, Rutgers, Syracuse
FUMBLES RECOVERED	3 vs. Syracuse	0, six times
SACKS	8 vs. Temple	0 vs. Southwestern Louisiana
POINTS GIVEN UP	0 vs. Temple	52 vs. Syracuse

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN DRIVE BY TECH: 86 yards vs. Miami  
 LONGEST TOUCHDOWN DRIVE BY AN OPPONENT: 95 yards by East Carolina

# Individual Marks

**LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE:** 77 yds., tb Maurice Williams vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach  
Opponent: 79 yds., tb Steve Hindman, Mississippi, 1968 Liberty (TD)

**LONGEST PASS COMPLETION:** 54 yds., qb Jim Druckenmiller to fl Bryan Still vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar (TD)  
Opponent: 75 yds., qb John Paci to fl Thomas Lewis, Indiana, 1993 Independence (TD)

**LONGEST PUNT RETURN:** 60 yds., Bryan Still vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar (TD)  
Opponent: 49 yds., Shawn Summers, Tennessee, 1994 Gator

**LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN:** 57 yds., Tommy Francisco vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty  
Opponent: 51 yds., Jermaine Chaney, Indiana, 1993 Independence

**LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN:** 19 yds., rov Torrian Gray vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar  
Opponent: 70 yds., mon Robert Bailey, Mississippi, 1968 Liberty (TD)

**LONGEST PUNT:** 62 yds., Gene Fisher vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty  
Opponent: 63 yds., Mark Simon, Air Force, 1984 Independence

**LONGEST FIELD GOAL:** 46 yds., Chris Kinzer vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach  
Opponent: 52 yds., Phil Dawson, Texas, 1995 Sugar

**MOST RUSHING CARRIES:** 27, tb Cyrus Lawrence vs. Miami, 1980 Peach  
Opponent: 29, qb Bart Weiss, Air Force, 1984 Independence

**MOST RUSHING YARDS:** 134, tb Cyrus Lawrence vs. Miami, 1980 Peach  
Opponent: 121, tb Steve Hindman, Mississippi, 1968 Liberty

**MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS:** 1, 12 different players (including twice by Maurice Williams)  
Opponent: 3, James Stewart, Tennessee, 1994 Gator

**MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS:** 34, Jim Druckenmiller, 1995 Sugar  
Opponent: 36 James Brown, Texas, 1995 Sugar

**MOST PASSING COMPLETIONS:** 20, Erik Chapman vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach  
Opponent: 14, James Brown, Texas, 1995 Sugar

**MOST PASSING YARDS:** 266, Jim Druckenmiller vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar  
Opponent: 189, Peyton Manning, Tennessee, 1994 Gator

**MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES THROWN:** 2, Maurice DeShazo vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence  
Opponent: 2, Archie Manning, Mississippi, 1968 Liberty; Erik Kramer, NCSU, 1986 Peach

**MOST RECEPTIONS:** 6, te Steve Johnson vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach; fl Bryan Still vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar;  
te Bryan Jennings vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar  
Opponent: 6, te Hank Shows, Mississippi, 1968 Liberty; fl Thomas Lewis, Indiana, 1993 Independence;  
wr Joey Kent, Tennessee, 1994 Gator; Michael Adams, Texas, 1995 Sugar

**MOST YARDS ON RECEPTIONS:** 119, fl Bryan Still vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar  
Opponent: 177, fl Thomas Lewis, Indiana, 1993 Independence

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS BY RECEPTIONS:** 1, five different players  
Opponent: 2, fl Thomas Lewis, Indiana, 1993 Independence

**MOST YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE:** 267, qb Jim Druckenmiller vs. Texas  
Opponent: 218, qb Peyton Manning, Tennessee, 1994 Gator

**MOST POINTS:** 12, fl Bryan Still vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar  
Opponent: 18, tb James Stewart, Tennessee, 1994 Gator

**MOST FIELD GOALS MADE:** 2, Chris Kinzer vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach  
Opponent: 2 Van Brown, Mississippi, 1968 Liberty; Dan Miller, Miami, 1980 Peach;  
Bill Manolopoulos, Indiana, 1993 Independence

**MOST TACKLES:** 15, lb Ashley Lee vs. Miami, 1980 Peach; lb Vince Daniels vs. Air Force, 1984 Independence  
Opponent: 17 lb Pat Teague, N.C. State, 1986 Peach

**MOST INTERCEPTIONS:** 2, db Floyd Bowles vs. Cincinnati, 1947 Sun\*; rov Torrian Gray vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar  
Opponent: 1, 16 different players

**MOST INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS:** 24, rov Torrian Gray vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar  
Opponent: 70, mon Robert Bailey, Mississippi, 1968 Liberty

**MOST KICKOFF RETURN YARDS:** 80, Tommy Francisco vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty  
Opponent: 89, Troy Russell, N.C. State, 1986 Peach

**MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS:** 60, Bryan Still vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar  
Opponent: 89, Shawn Summers, Tennessee, 1994 Gator

**BEST PUNTING AVERAGE:** 43.4 yds., Robbie Colley vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator  
Opponent: 43.6 yds., Tom Hutton, Tennessee, 1994 Gator

**100-YARD RUSHING PERFORMANCES:** Cyrus Lawrence (134 yds., vs. Miami, 1980 Liberty);  
Maurice Williams (129 yds., vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach); Ken Edwards (119 yds., vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty);  
Eddie Hunter (113 yds., vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach); Dwayne Thomas (102 yds., vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator)  
Opponent: Steve Hindman (121 yds., Mississippi, 1968 Liberty); Mal Crite (101 yds., N.C. State, 1986 Peach)

**BLOCKED PUNTS:** John Maskas (vs. Cincinnati, 1947 Sun\*); Jimmy Richards (vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty, set up TD)  
Opponent: Derrick Taylor (N.C. State, 1986 Peach, resulted in TD)

**MISCELLANEOUS TOUCHDOWNS:** 1, Lawrence Lewis vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence, returned fumble 20 yds.;  
Antonio Banks vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence, returned blocked field goal 80 yds.;  
Jim Baron vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar, returned fumble 20 yds.  
Opponent: 1, Brian Bulluck, N.C. State, 1986 Peach, recovered blocked punt for TD



*Plays like this 60-yard punt return for a touchdown earned Bryan Still the MVP award in the 1995 Nokia Sugar Bowl.*

\*Sun Bowl game was played on Jan. 1, 1947 following the 1946 football season

# Team Marks

## Tech Offensive High and Low Marks

	BEST	WORST
FIRST DOWNS .....	29 vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach	7 vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty
Rushing .....	15 vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach	4 vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty
Passing .....	13 vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach	0 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
RUSHING YARDS .....	330 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty	34 vs. Cincinnati, 1947 Sun*
PASSING YARDS .....	266 vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar	2 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
TOTAL OFFENSE .....	487 vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach	111 vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty
OFFENSIVE PLAYS .....	90 vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach	56 vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty
Rushing Att. ....	60 twice (1968 Liberty, 1986 Peach)	32 vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar
Passing Att. ....	38 vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator	7 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
PASSES COMPLETED .....	23 vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator	1 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
PASSES HAD INT. ....	1 vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty; Texas, 1995 Sugar	2 vs. seven teams
FUMBLES LOST .....	0 twice (1947 Sun*, 1980 Peach)	3 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
YARDS PENALIZED .....	25 vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator	120 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
POINTS SCORED .....	45 vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence	6 vs. Cincinnati, 1947 Sun*
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS .....	2 vs. four teams	1 vs. five teams
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS .....	2 vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence	0 vs. five teams
POINTS IN A QUARTER .....	21 vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence (2nd Qtr)	
POINTS IN A HALF .....	28 vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence (1st)	0 vs. three teams

## Tech Defensive High and Low Marks

	BEST	WORST
FIRST DOWNS .....	11 twice (1966 Liberty, 1993 Independence)	19 vs. Miami, 1980 Peach
Rushing .....	3 twice (1966 Liberty, 1993 Independence)	11 vs. Air Force, 1984 Independence
Passing .....	2 vs. Air Force, 1984 Independence	11 vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator
RUSHING YARDS .....	20 vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence	369 vs. Cincinnati, 1947 Sun*
PASSING YARDS .....	49 vs. Air Force, 1984 Independence	276 vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence
TOTAL OFFENSE .....	163 vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty	495 vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator
OFFENSIVE PLAYS .....	56 vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach	74 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
Rushing Att. ....	31 vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence	55 vs. Air Force, 1984 Independence
Passing Att. ....	7 vs. Air Force, 1984 Independence	37 vs. two teams
PASSES COMPLETED .....	5 vs. Cincinnati, 1947 Sun*	17 vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence
PASSES INTERCEPTED .....	3 vs. Cincinnati, 1947 Sun*; Texas, 1995 Sugar	0 vs. four teams
FUMBLES RECOVERED .....	2 vs. three teams	0 vs. three teams
POINTS GIVEN UP .....	10 vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar	45 vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator
POINTS GIVEN UP (QUARTER) .....		21 vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator
POINTS GIVEN UP (HALF) .....	0 vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty; Texas, 1995 Sugar	35 vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator
RUSHING TDS ALLOWED .....	0 three times (86 Peach, 93 Independence, 95 Sugar)	4 vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator
PASSING TDS ALLOWED .....	0 twice (1947 Sun*, 1984 Independence)	2 vs. four teams

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN DRIVE BY TECH:

80 yards vs. Miami, 1980 Peach; vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN DRIVE BY AN OPPONENT:

99 yards by Miami, 1980 Peach

\*Sun Bowl game was played on Jan. 1, 1947 following the 1946 football season.



# Career Leaders

## Scoring

Pos.	Name	Yrs. Played	TDs	EPK /other	FGs	TP
pk	Ryan Williams	1991-94	0	137	39	254
pk	Chris Kinzer	1985-88	0	93	47	234
pk	Don Wade	1981-84	0	98	42	224
rb	James Barber	1971-73	30			180
tb	Cyrus Lawrence	1979-82	30			180
rb	Roscoe Coles	1974-77	29	1		176
tb	Tony Kennedy	1989-92	26	1		158
tb	Maurice Williams	1983-86	25			150
tb	Dwayne Thomas	1992-95	25			150
pk	Wayne Latimer	1973-75	0	72	25	147

## Total Offense

Pos.	Name	Yrs. Played	Plays	Tot. Yds.
qb	Maurice DeShazo	1991-94	1026	6105
qb	Don Strock	1970-72	974	5871
qb	Will Furrer	1988-91	1047	5782
qb	Steve Casey	1978-81	982	4987
qb	Jim Druckenmiller	1993-96	725	4634
qb	Mark Cox	1981-85	754	3890
tb	Cyrus Lawrence	1979-82	844	3767
rb	Roscoe Coles	1974-77	658	3458

## Rushing

Pos.	Name	Yrs. Played	Carries	Tot. Yds.
tb	Cyrus Lawrence	1979-82	843	3767
rb	Roscoe Coles	1974-77	656	3459
tb	Maurice Williams	1983-86	550	2981
tb	Dwayne Thomas	1992-95	576	2696
tb	Eddie Hunter	1983-86	466	2523
rb-qb	Phil Rogers	1973-75	528	2461
tb	Vaughn Hebron	1989-92	481	2327
tb	Tony Kennedy	1989-92	535	2259
tb	Terry Smoot	1967-69	510	2116
rb	James Barber	1971-73	454	2052

## Passing

Name	Yrs. Played	Comp-Att.	TDs	Tot. Yds.
Don Strock	1970-72	440-829	29	6009
Will Furrer	1988-91	494-920	43	5915
Maurice DeShazo	1991-94	397-745	47	5720
Jim Druckenmiller	1993-96	314-582	34	4383
Steve Casey	1978-81	342-647	29	4299
Mark Cox	1981-85	281-518	22	3526
Erik Chapman	1985-87	234-458	20	2996
Todd Greenwood	1982-85	234-443	16	2721

## Pass Receiving

Pos.	Name	Yrs. Played	Cgt.	TDs	Yds.
se	Antonio Freeman	1991-94	121	22	2207
wr	Ricky Stales	1972-74	113	18	2272
se	Mike Giacalone	1979-82	103	10	1384
se	Myron Richardson	1986-89	100	9	1541
se	Donald Snell	1983-86	92	7	1409
te	Mike Burnop	1970-72	90	5	1141
wb	Sidney Snell	1978-80	86	15	1274
te	Steve Johnson	1984-87	84	8	1058
se	Cornelius White	1993-96	78	7	1114
flk	Marcus Mickel	1988-91	77	1	868
flk	Bryan Still	1992-95	74	11	1458
se-wb	Jimmy Quinn	1969-71	72	4	1262
se	Nick Cullen	1987-90	70	5	946
wr	Donnie Reed	1970-72	68	5	1260
te	Ken Barefoot	1965-67	68	8	752
se	Bo Campbell	1989-92	68	9	1145
se	Carroll Dale	1956-59	67	15	1195
se	Jermaine Holmes	1992-95	67	7	993
flk	Steve Sanders	1990-93	60	5	960
te	Mike Shaw	1980-83	60	7	944
e	Tommy Marwin	1962-64	60	5	770
tb	Vaughn Hebron	1989-92	60	4	596



*Split end Cornelius White moved into ninth place on the Virginia Tech career receiving list with 78 catches.*

## Interceptions

Pos.	Name	Yrs. Played	Int.	TDs	Ret. Yds.
cb-s	Gene Bunn	1976-78	18	0	106
cb	Tyrone Drakeford	1990-93	16	1	144
hb	Ron Davidson	1966-68	13	0	174
s	Lenny Smith	1968-70	13	0	120
lb	Mike Widger	1967-69	12	3	220
cb	John Granby	1987-91	12	0	98
lb	Mike Johnson	1980-83	11	1	173
fs	Ashley Lee	1980-84	11	2	351
cb-fs	William Yarbrough	1992-95	11	0	30

## Punting

Name	Yrs. Kicked	No.	Yds.	Avg.
George Roberts	1976-77	128	5345	41.8
Dave Smigelsky	1978-80	172	7065	41.1
Jack Williams	1951-53	157	6229	39.7
Robbie Colley	1991-94	169	6676	39.5
Jack Simcsak	1968-70	210	8257	39.3
Andy Hromyak	1970-72	115	4513	39.2
David Cox	1982-85	173	6785	39.2
Bruce McDaniel	1972-75	171	6675	39.0
Bill Renner	1981-82	141	5492	39.0

## Kickoff Return Yardage

Name	Yrs. Played	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Jon Jeffries	1987-91	67	1447	1	21.6
Bob Thomas	1981-84	51	1088	0	21.3
Marcus Mickel	1983-91	47	963	1	20.5
Eddie Hunter	1983-86	38	889	1	23.4
Dickie Longerbeam	1965-68	34	842	1	24.8
Billy Hardee	1973-75	37	833	1	22.5
Tommy Francisco	1964-66	34	789	1	23.2
Rich Matijevich	1969-71	36	780	1	21.7
Sonny Utz	1962-64	33	741	0	22.5
Larry Fallen	1976-78	32	689	1	21.5

## Punt Return Yardage

Name	Yrs. Played	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
John Ludlow	1979-82	136	837	0	6.2
Frank Loria	1965-67	61	813	4	13.3
Billy Myers	1984-87	90	750	0	8.3
Antonio Freeman	1991-94	63	651	1	10.3
Bo Campbell	1989-92	67	587	0	8.8
Billy Anderson	1952-54	43	557	1	13.0
Billy Hardee	1973-75	63	529	1	8.4

# Longest Plays *since 1954*

## RUNNING PLAYS

Yds.	Player	Opponent	Date
96	qb Bob Schweickert	Wake Forest	11/10/62
89	rb Roscoe Coles	Auburn	10/4/75
88	fb Ken Edwards	Florida State	11/2/68
82	hb Phil Rogers	VMI	11/15/75
77	qb Warren Price	William and Mary	9/16/61
77n	tb Tommy Francisco	Wake Forest	9/18/65
77	qb David Lamie	William and Mary	10/8/77
76	fb George Constantinides	Richmond	10/21/67
74	qb Bob Schweickert	Tulane	11/3/62
73	rb Roscoe Coles	Florida State	11/16/74
73	tb Dwayne Thomas	Temple	10/16/93
73	tb Marcus Parker	Temple	10/12/96

## PASS PLAYS

Yds.	Players (Opponent)	Date
91	qb Steve Casey to wb Sidney Snell (VMI)	11/17/79
88	qb Erik Chapman to se Donald Wayne Snell (UR)	11/8/86
85	qb Jim Druckenmiller to fl Bryan Still (Pittsburgh)	9/30/95
83	qb Treg Koel to se Antonio Freeman (West Va.)	9/26/92
80	hb Phil Rogers to wr Ricky Scales (Virginia)	10/20/73
80	qb Jim Druckenmiller to fl Bryan Still (Boston College)	9/7/95
78	qb Don Strock to se Jimmy Quinn (Ohio Univ.)	10/23/71
78	qb Will Furrer to tb Vaughn Hebron (West Va.)	10/6/90
74	qb Rick Popp to wr Billy Hardee (S. Carolina)	10/6/73
74	qb David Lamie to wb Dennis Scott (VMI)	11/18/78
73	qb Frank Eastman to hb Alger Pugh (West Va.)	11/14/59
73	qb Jim Druckenmiller to se Jermaine Holmes (Pittsburgh)	9/30/95

## PUNT RETURNS

Yds.	Player	Opponent	Date
95	Frank Loria	Miami (Fla.)	11/4/67
82	Bob Schweickert	VMI	11/28/63
80	Frank Loria	George Washington	9/24/66
80	Frank Loria	Florida State	10/29/66
80	Antonio Freeman	Pittsburgh	10/22/94
77n	Billy Hardee	Virginia	10/19/74

## KICKOFF RETURNS

Yds.	Player	Opponent	Date
100	Larry Fallen	Clemson	10/7/78
99	Tommy Walker	VMI	11/28/63
99	Eddie Hunter	South Carolina	10/11/86
96	Terry Strock	Virginia	10/21/61
96	Billy Hardee	South Carolina	10/6/73
95	Dickie Longerbeam	Richmond	9/25/65
93	Tommy Francisco	VMI	11/25/65

## INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Yds.	Player	Opponent	Date
100	fs Kelon Carpenter	Miami	11/16/96
95	s Kirk Alexander	Cincinnati	10/19/91
94	fs Ashley Lee	Vanderbilt	11/12/83
90	lb Randy Cockrell	Navy	10/3/87
88n	hb Johnny Watkins	William and Mary	10/15/60
88	fs Ashley Lee	Vanderbilt	11/12/83
87	lb Clarence Culpepper	William and Mary	9/23/67
85	lb Mike Johnson	Appalachian St.	10/23/82

## FIELD GOALS

Yds.	Player	Opponent	Date
61	c Wayne Latimer	Florida State	10/11/75
59	c Dave Strock	So. Mississippi	11/4/72
56	s Paul Engle	Virginia	10/15/77
55	c Jack Simcsak	Kentucky	10/11/69
55	c Dave Strock	So. Mississippi	11/4/72
55	c Wayne Latimer	Virginia	10/20/73
53	c Dave Strock	Oklahoma State	10/14/72
51	c Wayne Latimer	Houston	10/12/73
50	c Wayne Latimer	Auburn	10/4/75
50	c Wayne Latimer	William and Mary	11/1/75
50	c Chris Kinzer	West Virginia	10/4/86
50	c Ryan Williams	Oklahoma	9/28/91



Free safety Keion Carpenter heads upfield on a 100-yard interception return for a touchdown in the Hokies' 21-7 victory over Miami this season.

## The Last Time ...

### A punt was returned for a touchdown:

VT	Oct. 22, 1994	Antonio Freeman vs. Pittsburgh, at Blacksburg, 80 yards.
Opp.	Sept. 17, 1988	James Henry of So. Miss., at Hattiesburg, 44 yards.

### A kickoff was returned for a touchdown:

VT	Oct. 10, 1992	Tony Kennedy vs. Louisville, at Louisville, 91 yards.
Opp.	Nov. 13, 1993	Jeyson Wilson of Syracuse, at Blacksburg, 86 yards.

### A pass interception was returned for a touchdown:

VT	Nov. 16, 1996	Keion Carpenter vs. Miami, at Miami, 100 yards.
Opp.	Sept. 28, 1996	Kelth Bullock of Syracuse, at Syracuse, 20 yards.

### A punt was blocked:

VT	Nov. 2, 1996	Kelon Carpenter vs. Southwestern Louisiana, at Blacksburg.
Opp.	Sept. 28, 1996	Kevin Abrams of Syracuse, at Syracuse.

### A punt was blocked for a touchdown:

VT	Sept. 28, 1996	Cornelius White blocked a Syracuse punt and returned for a TD, at Syracuse
Opp.	Sept. 28, 1996	Kevin Abrams of Syracuse blocked a punt and Phil Nash returned for a TD, at Syracuse

### A safety was recorded:

VT	Oct. 14, 1995	Akron snapped ball out of the end zone on a punt, at Blacksburg.
Opp.	Sept. 7, 1996	Tech punt returner tackled in end zone vs. Akron, at Akron.

### A fumble was recovered for a touchdown:

VT	Sept. 28, 1991	P.J. Preston vs. Oklahoma, at Norman, Okla.
Opp.	Sept. 23, 1978	Tim Wood of Auburn, at Blacksburg.

### A fumble or intercepted fumble was returned for a touchdown:

VT	Nov. 11, 1995	Jim Baron vs. Temple, at Washington D.C., returned fumble 46 yards.
Opp.	Sept. 4, 1993	Chache Leal of Bowling Green, at Blacksburg, returned fumble 59 yards.

### Teammates rushed for 100 yards in same game:

VT	Oct. 14, 1995	Ken Oxendine (135) and Al Clark (120) vs. Akron, at Blacksburg.
Opp.	Oct. 1, 1994	Malcolm Thomas (185) and Kirby Dar Dar (108) of Syracuse, at Syracuse.

### A quarterback surpassed the century mark in rushing and passing in one game:

VT	Oct. 14, 1978	Steve Casey (101 yds., rushing; 130 yds., passing) vs. West Virginia, at Blacksburg.
Opp.	Sept. 28, 1996	Donovan McNabb (127 yds. rushing; 123 yds. passing) of Syracuse, at Syracuse.

n: non-scoring plays      c: conventional-style      s: soccer-style



# BIG EAST Football Conference



Virginia Tech's back-to-back appearances in the Bowl Alliance have been major highlights of late in The BIG EAST Football Conference, one of the country's most prestigious college leagues.

Tech became a charter member of the BIG EAST Football Conference in 1991 along with Boston College, Miami, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Syracuse, Temple and West Virginia.

Conference teams have enjoyed tremendous success. The first four years, BIG EAST teams battled for National Championship recognition in New Year's Day bowl games.

Last year, Tech became the Conference's Alliance Bowl representative and came from behind in the second half to whip Texas, 28-10. Another BIG EAST member, Syracuse, had an impressive bowl victory last season, trouncing Clemson of the Atlantic Coast Conference, 41-0, in the Gator Bowl.

This season, Tech will play in the Orange Bowl while West Virginia goes to the Gator Bowl, Miami to the Carquest and Syracuse to the Liberty Bowl.

Commissioner Mike Traghese said from the outset that the BIG EAST Football Conference wanted to compete at the highest level possible. The BIG EAST was a charter member of the Bowl Coalition which improved the quality of major bowl matchups and increased the chances of a national title game.

The Bowl Alliance is a hybrid of the Bowl Coalition and was implemented last year. Again, the BIG EAST was an original partner.

The Bowl Coalition has proved to be highly successful, producing a legitimate national championship game between Nebraska and Florida in the Fiesta Bowl last season and attractive matchups between Notre Dame and Florida State in the Orange Bowl and the Virginia Tech-Texas showdown in the Sugar.

The BIG EAST always has assured itself of prestigious bowl invitations. The league champion attends the Fiesta, Orange or Sugar as part of its membership in the Bowl Alliance. An agreement with the Toyota Gator Bowl allows that bowl to choose a second BIG EAST team. For the fourth straight year, the Carquest Bowl selected a third BIG EAST team. Last fall, the league signed an agreement with the St. Jude Liberty Bowl which chooses a fourth BIG EAST team.

BIG EAST teams have enjoyed plenty of success in recent years. Virginia Tech currently is on a four-year bowl streak. Miami won national titles in 1983, 1987, 1989 and 1991. The Hurricanes played on New Year's Day every year from 1984 to 1994. Syracuse has been in a postseason bowl eight of the last 10 years. Boston College has gone bowling three of the last five years. West Virginia has been in a bowl three of the past four seasons.

Television prominence always has been a staple of the BIG EAST. For football, the league established its own regional television package in 1991 before the league played a game. The BIG EAST Television Network immediately became the largest regional football network in the country.

In 1996, the BIG EAST began new deals with CBS and ESPN. CBS televises up to 12 games each year. ESPN and ESPN2 carries at least 12 league games each year. Both agreements, which run through 2000, mean that CBS and ESPN televise a BIG EAST game virtually every week of the season.

The BIG EAST assigned rights to all games not telecast by CBS or ESPN to Creative Sports of Charlotte, N.C., a subsidiary of ESPN. For the second consecutive year, Creative Sports produces and distributes additional games for syndication, local markets and pay-per-view.



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*The BIG EAST Football Conference has given players like Jay Hagood (celebrating in the stands following last year's Sugar Bowl victory) and his Virginia Tech teammates great exposure and opportunities.*

## 1996 All-BIG EAST Football Conference Team

### First Team Offense

WR	David Saunders	West Virginia
WR	Van Johnson	Temple
OL	J Ina	Miami
OL	Mark Nori	Boston College
OL	K.C. Jones	Miami
OL	Billy Conaty	Virginia Tech
OL	Shelton Prescott	Syracuse
TE	Bryan Jennings	Virginia Tech
QB	Jim Druckenmiller	Virginia Tech
QB	Donovan McNabb	Syracuse
RB	Ken Oxendine	Virginia Tech
RB	Amos Zereoue	West Virginia
PK	Shayne Graham	Virginia Tech
RS	Tremain Mack	Miami
RS	Jim Turner	Syracuse

### Second Team Offense

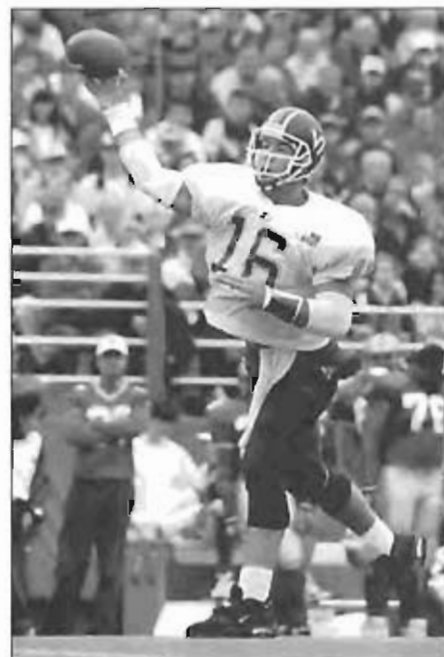
WR	Yatil Green	Miami
WR	Rahsaan Vanterpool	West Virginia
OL	Jay Hagood	Virginia Tech
OL	Mike Horn	West Virginia
DL	T.J. Washington	Virginia Tech
OL	Scott Kiernan	Syracuse
OL	Dan Oriskovich	Boston College
TE	Chris Jones	Miami
QB	Ryan Clement	Miami
RB	Omar Walker	Boston College
RB	Malcolm Thomas	Syracuse
PK	Andy Crosland	Miami
PK	Nathan Trout	Syracuse
RS	Mike Logan	West Virginia

### First Team Defense

DL	Stalin Colinet	Boston College
DL	Kenny Holmes	Miami
DL	Cornell Brown	Virginia Tech
DL	Canute Curtis	West Virginia
LB	James Burgess	Miami
LB	Twan Russell	Miami
LB	Nate Hemsley	Syracuse
LB	Alshermond Singleton	Temple
CB	Kevin Abrams	Syracuse
CB	Mike Logan	West Virginia
S	Donovin Darius	Syracuse
S	Vann Washington	West Virginia
P	Nate Cochran	Pittsburgh

### Second Team Defense

DL	Kenard Lang	Miami
DL	Antonio Anderson	Syracuse
DL	Bernard Russ	West Virginia
DL	Henry Slay	West Virginia
LB	Antwaune Ponds	Syracuse
LB	Myron Newsome	Virginia Tech
LB	Brandon Semones	Virginia Tech
CB	Earl Little	Miami
CB	Antonio Banks	Virginia Tech
S	Tremain Mack	Miami
S	Torrian Gray	Virginia Tech
P	Sean Real	Syracuse



Jim Druckenmiller won BIG EAST honors as Co-Offensive Player of the Year.

## Final BIG EAST Standings

School	Conference		Overall	
	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
Virginia Tech	6-1	.857	10-1	.909
Miami	6-1	.857	8-3	.727
Syracuse	6-1	.857	8-3	.727
West Virginia	4-3	.571	8-3	.727
Pittsburgh	3-4	.429	4-7	.364
Boston College	2-5	.286	5-7	.417
Rutgers	1-6	.143	2-9	.182
Temple	0-7	.000	1-10	.091

Big East Co-Offensive Players of the Year: Jim Druckenmiller, Virginia Tech; Donovan McNabb, Syracuse

Big East Defensive Player of the Year: Canute Curtis, West Virginia

Big East Special Teams Player of the Year: Tremain Mack, Miami

Big East Rookie of the Year: Amos Zereoue, West Virginia

Big East Coach of the Year: Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech

## 1996 All-BIG EAST Players of the Week

### Date

Aug. 31	Amos Zereoue, RB, W.Va.
Sept. 7	Henry Burris, QB, Temple
Sept. 14	Brian Edmonds, FB, VT
Sept. 21	Jim Druckenmiller, QB, VT
	Daryl Porter, S, BC
Sept. 28	Donovan McNabb, QB, Syracuse
Oct. 5	Henry Burris, QB, Temple
Oct. 12	Ken Oxendine, RB, VT
Oct. 19	Amos Zereoue, RB, W.Va.
Oct. 26	Donovan McNabb, QB, Syracuse
Nov. 3	Dwayne Schulters, RB, Pitt.
Nov. 10	David Saunders, WR, W.Va.
Nov. 17	Omar Walker, RB, BC
	Donovan McNabb, QB, Syracuse
Nov. 24	Scott Covington, Miami
Dec. 1	Ryan Clement, QB, Miami

### Defense

Canute Curtis, LB, W.Va.
Cornell Brown, DE, VT
John Hadley, LB, W.Va.
Tremain Mack, SS, Miami
Canute Curtis, LB, W.Va.
Canute Curtis, LB, W.Va.
Nate Hemsley, LB, Syracuse
Nate Hemsley, LB, Syracuse
Rupert English, LB, BC
Loren Johnson, DB, VT
Derek Ward, DB, Rutgers
Antwaune Ponds, SB, Syracuse
Bob Baum, LB, W.Va.
Keion Carpenter, FS, VT
Cornell Brown, DE, VT
Brandon Semones, LB, VT

### Special Teams

John Matich, PK, BC
Nate Cochran, P, Pitt.
Kenyatta Carter, KR, Temple
Shayne Graham, PK, VT
Sean Real, P, Syracuse
Curtis Anderson, KR, Pitt
Syracuse Special Teams Unit
Mike Logan, DB, W.Va.
Tremain Mack, DB, Miami
Tremain Mack, DB, Miami
Sean Real, P, Syracuse
Daryl Porter, S, BC
Sean Real, P, Syracuse
Tremain Mack, SS, Miami



# BIG EAST INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

## Rushing Leaders

Player, Class, School	G	Att	Net Yds.	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Omari Walker, Jr., BC	12	261	1199	4.6	13	99.9
Ken Oxendine, Jr., VT	9	150	890	5.9	13	98.9
Amos Zereoue, Fr., WV	10	201	972	4.8	9	97.2
Malcolm Thomas, Sr., SU	10	151	781	5.2	10	78.1
Dwayne Schulters, Jr., PT	9	112	553	4.9	10	61.4
Billy West, Jr., PT	11	137	644	4.7	3	58.6
Dyral McMillan, So., Miami	10	103	560	5.4	4	56.0
Ramod Lee, So., TU	11	130	526	4.0	10	47.8
Shyrone Stith, Fr., VT	11	89	476	5.3	5	43.3
Donovan McNabb, So., SU	11	97	458	4.7	3	41.6

## Receiving Leaders (Rec./P/G)

Player, Class, School	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	C/G
David Saunders, So., WV	11	67	913	13.6	4	6.1
Van Johnson, Sr., TU	11	50	902	18.0	8	4.6
Dennis Harding, So., BC	12	42	444	10.6	3	3.5
Magic Benton, So., Miami	11	36	514	14.3	4	3.3
Jake Hoffart, Jr., PT	12	39	667	17.1	5	3.3
Anthony DiCosmo, Fr., BC	12	36	632	17.6	1	3.0
Tony Gaiter, Sr., Miami	9	27	570	21.1	7	3.0
Shawn Scales, Jr., VT	11	30	510	17.0	4	2.7
Cornelius White, Sr., VT	11	30	449	15.0	4	2.7
Omari Walker, Jr., BC	12	32	187	5.8	0	2.7

## Receiving Leaders (Yards P/G)

Player, Class, School	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
David Saunders, So., WV	11	67	913	13.6	4	83.0
Van Johnson, Sr., TU	11	50	902	18.0	8	82.0
Tony Gaiter, Sr., Miami	9	27	570	21.1	7	63.0
Jake Hoffart, Jr., PT	12	39	667	17.1	5	55.6
Anthony DiCosmo, Fr., BC	12	36	632	17.6	1	52.7
Troy Kersey, Jr., TU	11	28	543	19.4	3	49.4
Magic Benton, So., Miami	11	36	514	14.3	4	46.7
Shawn Scales, Jr., VT	11	30	510	17.0	4	46.4
Cornelius White, Sr., VT	11	30	449	15.0	4	40.8

## Passing Efficiency Leaders

Player, Class, School	G	Att	Cmp	Pct	Int	Pct	Yds	Att	TD	Pct.	Pts.
Ryan Clement, Jr., Miami	10	246	148	.602	6	.024	1983	8.06	18	.073	147.14
Donovan McNabb, So., SU	11	215	118	.549	9	.042	1776	8.26	19	.085	145.06
Jim Druckenmiller, Sr., VT	11	250	142	.568	5	.020	2071	8.28	17	.068	144.83
Scott Covington, So., Miami	9	125	73	.584	4	.032	919	7.35	4	.032	124.32
Henry Burris, Sr., TU	11	280	142	.507	8	.029	2084	7.44	12	.043	121.66

## Total Offense Leaders

Player, Class, School	G	Rushing		Passing		Total		Yd/Pl	TO	Yds/G
		Att	Yds	Att	Yds	Plays	Yds			
Jim Druckenmiller, Sr., VT	11	74	205	250	2071	324	2276	7.0	17	206.9
Donovan McNabb, So., SU	11	97	458	215	1776	312	2234	7.2	22	203.1
Henry Burris, Sr., TU	11	101	101	280	2084	381	2185	5.7	16	198.6
Ryan Clement, Jr., Miami	10	30	-177	246	1983	276	1866	6.8	19	186.6
Matt Hasselbeck, Jr., BC	11	87	-214	330	1990	417	1776	4.3	11	161.5
Chad Johnston, Sr., WV	11	55	-174	300	1761	355	1587	-1.5	11	144.3
Matt Lytle, So., PT	10	48	10	214	1249	262	1259	4.8	9	125.9
Omari Walker, Jr., BC	12	261	1199	0	0	261	1199	4.6	13	99.9
Ken Oxendine, Jr., VT	9	150	890	0	0	150	890	5.9	13	98.9

## Scoring Leaders

Player, Class, School	G	TD	TDR	TDP	TDO	Pat	2pt	FG	Pts	Pts/G
Ken Oxendine, Jr., VT	9	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	78	8.67
Nathan Trout, Fr., SU	11	0	0	0	0	52	0	9	79	7.18
Shayne Graham, Fr., VT	10	0	0	0	0	39	0	10	69	6.90
John Matich, Fr., BC	10	0	0	0	0	19	1	16	69	6.90
Dwayne Schulters, Jr., PT	9	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	60	6.67
Omari Walker, Jr., BC	12	13	13	0	0	0	1	0	80	6.67

## All-Purpose Yardage Leaders

Player, Class, School	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	Yds	Plays	Yd/Pl	Yds/G
Omari Walker, Jr., BC	12	1199	187	0	0	1386	293	4.7	115.5
Ken Oxendine, Jr., VT	9	890	74	0	0	964	154	6.3	107.1
Amos Zereoue, Fr., WV	10	972	59	0	0	1031	217	4.8	103.1
Jim Turner, Jr., SU	11	18	383	13	633	1047	45	23.3	95.2
Dwayne Schulters, Jr., PT	9	553	21	0	268	842	127	6.6	93.6
Shawn Scales, Jr., VT	11	23	510	150	320	1003	62	16.2	91.2



Tailback Ken Oxendine was Virginia Tech's leading rusher in 1996.

## Kick Scoring Leaders

Player, Class, School	G	XP-AT	FG-AT	Pts	Pt/G
Nathan Trout, Fr., SU	11	52-53	9-13	79	7.2
Shayne Graham, Fr., VT	10	39-39	10-16	69	6.9
John Matich, Fr., BC	10	19-19	16-23	67	6.7
Jay Taylor, Fr., WV	11	30-30	13-21	69	6.3
Andy Crosland, Fr., UM	11	33-34	11-16	66	6.0

## Punting Leaders

Player, Class, School	G	No	Yds	Avg
Sean Reali, Sr., SU	10	36	1593	44.3
Nate Cochran, Sr., PT	11	70	3075	43.9
Jason Malecki, So., BC	12	54	2328	43.1
Jared Slawin, Jr., RU	11	62	2442	39.4
Brian West, Sr., WV	11	69	2664	38.6
Andy Crosland, Fr., UM	11	44	1693	38.6
Jimmy Kibble, Fr., VT	10	32	1193	37.3

## Punt Return Leaders

Player, Class, School	No	Yds	TD	Avg
Mike Logan, Sr., WV	20	247	1	12.4
John Jenkins, Jr., PT	19	196	0	10.9
Shawn Scales, Jr., VT	16	150	0	9.4
Deon Maddox, SU	20	180	1	9.0

## Kickoff Return Leaders

Player, Class, School	No	Yds	TD	Avg
Jim Turner, Jr., SU	23	633	1	27.5
Curtis Anderson, Sr., PT	31	793	1	25.6
Hank Poteat, Jr., PT	19	471	0	24.8
Danny Davis, Jr., TU	16	368	0	23.0

## Interception Leaders

Player, Class, School	G	No	Yds	TO	I/G
Mike Logan, Sr., WV	11	5	41	0	0.45
Antonio Banks, Sr., VT	9	4	63	0	0.44
Phil Nash, So., SU	10	4	16	0	0.40
Perio Bastien, Fr., WV	11	4	63	1	0.36
Daryl Porter, Sr., BC	12	4	53	0	0.33

# BIG EAST TEAM STATISTICS

## Rushing Offense

School	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Syracuse	11	532	2599	4.9	28	236.3
Virginia Tech	11	517	2504	4.8	27	227.6
Miami	11	406	1703	4.2	17	154.8
Boston College	12	479	1729	3.6	17	144.1
Pittsburgh	11	432	1530	3.5	17	139.1
West Virginia	11	435	1516	3.5	13	137.8
Temple	11	433	1096	2.5	14	99.6
Rutgers	11	413	962	2.3	9	87.5

## Passing Offense

School	G	Att	Comp	Pct.	Int.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Yds/G
Miami	11	371	221	.596	10	2902	13.1	22	263.8
Temple	11	342	171	.500	11	2484	14.5	15	225.8
Boston College	12	444	222	.500	14	2524	11.4	11	210.3
West Virginia	11	344	169	.491	6	2113	12.5	14	192.1
Virginia Tech	11	255	143	.561	6	2083	14.6	17	189.4
Syracuse	11	225	121	.538	11	1827	15.1	19	166.1
Pittsburgh	11	294	136	.463	10	1601	11.8	11	145.5
Rutgers	11	316	131	.415	16	1584	12.1	7	144.0

## Total Offense

School	G	Plays	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Yds/G
Miami	11	777	4605	5.9	44	418.6
Virginia Tech	11	772	4587	5.9	46	417.0
Syracuse	11	757	4426	5.9	53	402.4
Boston College	12	922	4253	4.6	30	354.4
West Virginia	11	779	3629	4.7	31	329.9
Temple	11	775	3580	4.6	30	325.5
Pittsburgh	11	727	3131	4.3	29	284.6
Rutgers	11	729	2546	3.5	19	231.5

## Scoring Offense

School	G	TD	KXP	OMP	FG	SF	Pts.	Avg
Syracuse	11	53	52	0	11	2	407	37.0
Virginia Tech	11	46	41	1	10	0	349	31.7
Miami	11	44	35	1	12	0	337	30.6
West Virginia	11	31	31	0	13	1	258	23.5
Boston College	12	30	23	5	17	0	264	22.0
Temple	11	30	20	3	4	0	218	19.8
Pittsburgh	11	29	23	1	5	0	214	19.5
Rutgers	11	19	17	0	4	0	143	13.0

## Rushing Defense

School	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
West Virginia	11	364	677	1.9	5	61.6
Syracuse	11	398	1118	2.8	7	101.6
Virginia Tech	11	385	1232	3.2	9	112.0
Miami	11	437	1455	3.3	11	132.3
Boston College	12	547	2276	4.2	30	189.7
Temple	11	434	2302	5.3	28	209.3
Rutgers	11	513	2363	4.6	28	214.8
Pittsburgh	11	509	2575	5.1	28	234.1

## Passing Defense

School	G	Att	Comp	Pct.	Int	Yds	TD	Yds/G	Rating
West Virginia	11	348	157	.451	16	1715	10	155.9	86.8
Syracuse	11	327	160	.489	16	1757	10	159.7	94.4
Virginia Tech	11	384	184	.479	12	2245	10	204.1	99.4
Miami	11	268	126	.470	12	1591	11	144.6	101.5
Temple	11	305	152	.498	6	2067	16	215.4	139.2
Boston College	12	298	167	.560	11	2585	16	215.4	139.2
Pittsburgh	11	310	181	.584	7	2458	21	223.5	142.8
Rutgers	11	296	170	.574	10	2584	20	234.9	146.3

## Total Defense

School	G	Plays	Yds	Avg.	TD	Yds/G
West Virginia	11	712	2392	3.4	17	217.6
Syracuse	11	725	2875	4.0	24	261.4
Miami	11	705	3046	4.3	25	276.9
Virginia Tech	11	769	3477	4.5	21	316.1
Temple	11	740	4359	5.9	49	396.3
Boston College	12	845	4861	5.8	56	405.1
Rutgers	11	809	4947	6.1	50	449.7
Pittsburgh	11	819	5033	5.2	58	457.6

## Scoring Defense

School	G	TD	KXP	OMP	FG	SF	Pts	Avg
West Virginia	11	17	14	0	6	1	136	12.4
Virginia Tech	11	21	19	0	7	1	168	15.3
Miami	11	25	18	3	5	0	189	17.2
Syracuse	11	24	22	2	7	0	191	17.4
Boston College	12	56	41	1	7	0	400	33.3
Rutgers	11	50	44	1	11	0	379	34.5
Temple	11	49	42	2	14	2	386	35.1
Pittsburgh	11	58	52	0	10	0	430	39.1



Derek Smith made valuable contributions as a backup on the offensive line.

## Tackles

Player, Class, School	G	Solo	Ass	Tot/Avg	TFL-Yds	SCK-Yds	PBU	FC	FR
Alshermond Singleton, Sr., TU	11	87	47	134/12.2	7-12	2-8	4	1	1
James Burgess, Sr., Miami	10	53	55	108/10.8	7-13	1-8	3	1	1
Twan Russell, Sr., Miami	11	60	55	115/10.6	4-12	0-0	2	0	0
Nate Hemsley, Sr., SU	11	77	29	106/9.6	6-22	4-20	3	0	0
Daryl Porter, Sr., BC	12	78	37	115/9.6	0-0	0-0	3	1	2
Brian Maye, Sr., BC	9	50	36	86/9.6	4-13	1-8	3	0	0
Thomas Kelly, Sr., RU	9	55	26	81/9.0	4-13	1-8	3	0	0
Aaron Brady, So., RU	11	74	18	92/8.4	11-41	0-0	1	5	0
Myron Newsome, Sr., VT	10	43	40	83/8.3	6-12	1-9	3	1	0
Antwaune Ponds, Jr., SU	11	72	18	90/8.2	14-53	6-34	1	0	0

## Tackles for Loss

Player, Class, School	G	No	Loss
Antwaune Ponds, Jr., SU	11	14	63
Aaron Brady, So., RU	11	11	41
Canute Curtis, Sr., WV	11	11	27
Henry Slay, Jr., WV	11	10	29
Nick Gianacchos, Sr., BC	12	9	37
Stalin Colinet, Sr., BC	12	9	31
Antonio Anderson, Sr., SU	11	9	20
Brandon Semones, Sr., VT	11	8	28

## QB Sacks

Player, Class, School	G	No	Yds
Canute Curtis, Sr., WV	11	16	114
Kenard Lang, Jr., Miami	11	12	74
Kenny Holmes, Sr., Miami	11	10	51
Stalin Colinet, Sr., BC	12	9	47
Bob Baum, Jr., WV	11	6	52
Keith Kerrin, Sr., TU	11	6	45
John Engelberger, Fr., VT	11	6	40
Kerwin Hairston, Jr., VT	11	6	34

## Passes Broken Up

Player, Class, School	G	No
Loren Johnson, So., VT	11	14
Vann Washington, Sr., WV	11	14
Kevin Abrams, Sr., SU	11	12
Mike Logan, Sr., WV	11	10
Torrian Gray, Sr., VT	11	10
Rashad Whitmill, So., PT	11	10

## Fumbles Recovered

Player, Class, School	G	No
Erik Storz, Jr., BC	12	4
Canute Curtis, Sr., WV	11	3
Anthony Walker, Sr., SU	9	3
Markell Blount, Jr., BC	12	3
Torrian Gray, Sr., VT	11	2



# VIRGINIA TECH

## *One of the Nation's Top Universities*



*University buildings, including Burruss Hall (left), surround the Drillfield at the center of the Tech campus.*

Nestled in the rolling hills of Southwest Virginia, the campus of Virginia Tech has that rare quality — a major, thriving, modern institute of higher learning, living in harmony with its beautiful surroundings.

The campus, regarded as one of the most beautiful in the nation, is located in the town of Blacksburg, approximately 40 miles west of Roanoke, Va. The town has the unique characteristic of small-town friendliness combined with facilities often found in larger cities.

Established in 1872 as Virginia's first land-grant university, Tech continues to

function in three major divisions — instruction, research and extension — in more than 100 principal buildings and 150 laboratories on the 2,600-acre campus. Virginia Tech's 26 residence halls house one of the nation's largest on-campus populations (approximately 8,300 students). The on-campus housing provides easy access to the entire university, including an observatory, agricultural research areas, an environmental systems laboratory and extensive athletic facilities.

Graduates of Virginia Tech pursue many diverse careers in fields such as

aerospace engineering, business, computer science, communication studies, education, forestry and architecture. Students can also study pre-law, pre-med and pre-dentistry at Tech.

The university offers bachelor's degree programs through its seven undergraduate academic colleges: Agriculture and Life Sciences, Architecture and Urban Studies, Arts and Sciences, the Pamplin College of Business, Engineering, Human Resources and Education, and the College of Forestry and Wildlife Resources. On the postgraduate level, the university offers 124 master's and doctoral degree programs through the graduate school and the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

Undergraduate work at Tech leads to the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Architecture and Bachelor of Landscape Architecture. Each program of study requires a liberal exposure to basic science, the humanities and other disciplines (through electives) to produce a consistently well-educated graduate in more than 75 fields of study.

All 50 states and more than 90 countries are represented by Tech's student and faculty population. Tech offers an outstanding university-level education which is geared to meet the challenges of today's multifaceted and rapidly changing society. More than 1,500 full-time instruction faculty, of whom at least 75



*Recently renovated Squires Student Center houses a variety of student activities.*

percent hold appropriate terminal degrees, serve the student body. The university also aids the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation through its statewide extension and research divisions.

The university conducts a \$131 million-a-year research program, which places it in the nation's top 50 in terms of research expenditures. More than 3,500 projects permit researchers to pursue new discoveries in agriculture, biotechnology, computer science, engineering, architecture, energy management and a wide range of other technical and non-technical fields.

The possibilities for leisure sports and recreation activities are infinite. Students can participate in 21 intercollegiate sports ranging from football and basketball to golf and softball, the university's newest varsity sport. There are more than 400 student organizations which include intramural and extramural sports, student government and publications, and such special interest groups as caving and drama. Throughout the year, the university also sponsors exhibits, films, trips, lectures and concerts. An unending number of leisure pursuits are available both on campus and within a short drive. Water skiing, boating, hunting, fishing, snow skiing, mountain climbing and backpacking are all within minutes of town.

The focal point of Tech's athletic complex is the home of the Hokie football team, Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. The Tech basketball teams play in Cassell



*Tech students practice their skills outside the classroom.*

Coliseum and Tech's baseball team plays at English Field.

Spacious Rector Field House provides Tech with a complete Astroturf football practice facility. There are also an 18-hole golf course and 30 outdoor tennis courts. In the spring of 1992, the spectacular new Burrows-Burleson Tennis Center opened, complete with six indoor and six outdoor state of the art courts. In addition, the War Memorial Gym offers facilities for handball and racquetball, six basketball courts, a swimming pool and gymnastics and weightlifting rooms.

The majority of Tech's athletic offices are located in the Jamerson Athletic Center, along with the Jim "Bulldog" Haren weight

room, team meeting rooms and conference rooms. The athletic center is located adjacent to Cassell Coliseum, which also houses some of the school's athletic offices.

Virginia Tech's Greek system is composed of 33 fraternities and 16 sororities. Students belonging to either fraternities or sororities make up approximately 17 percent of the student population.

The composition of Tech's student body has also changed a great deal in recent years. Considered primarily a male, military college until the mid-1960s, now 40 percent of the 24,812 students on campus are women, while about two percent of the entire student body is enrolled in the Corps of Cadets.



*Lane Stadium/Worsham Field is the heart of the Virginia Tech athletic complex.*



# Dr. Paul Torgersen



Paul E. Torgersen: 14th president of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, John W. Hancock, Jr. Chair in Engineering, 20 year dean of Tech's College of Engineering, member National Academy of Engineering, fellow of the Institute of Industrial Engineers and the American Society of Engineering Education, recipient of the university's first affirmative action award, Tech's 1992 Sporn Award for teaching excellence, and the 1994 Lamme Medal as the outstanding engineering educator in the nation.

The honors mount up, but those who know Paul Torgersen well know the one that moves him the most is a bit more modest. In 1984, under the leadership of the Student Engineer's Council, undergraduate engineering students (with some alumni help) raised \$20,000 to endow a scholarship in Torgersen's name. Quite a feat for young people who were yet to find full-time employment.

Quite a feat for Torgersen also. Leading by example, this engineering educator has taught every year while at Virginia Tech, including his years as dean and president. Of his current role he says, "I consider myself a professor who also is president." Of the high esteem granted him by students, Torgersen modestly notes, "I am especially moved by the Sporn Award and the student scholarship because they are from the students. They are the reason we are all here." He also is quick to add that he has personally conferred degrees on about 20,000 Virginia Tech alumni. It has been said that Torgersen is more prone to miss a professional meeting with colleagues than miss teaching his classes.

Noted as an energetic, can-do administrator, Torgersen wasted no time on his first task. Shortly after being unanimously selected by Tech's Board of Visitors, he began a series of travels around the state building relationships with the men and women who have a crucial voice on university funding: Virginia's state senators and delegates. "Ensuring that the General Assembly is aware of university programs and priorities is a primary part of my job. An interesting side note - legislator's responses to my visits are always positive. There is a great deal of respect for Virginia Tech throughout the state," says Torgersen. The state legislature increased funding for higher education in the current fiscal year for the first time since 1989.

The president's agenda since taking over the leadership role has been straightforward: Focus, Accountability, Communications, and Fund Raising. "We will focus more sharply on our historic land-grant mission of helping people prepare for careers and citizenship, demonstrate stewardship for the resources granted us, ensure that our stakeholders are aware of our accomplishments and progress, and further develop support from private sources to maintain a margin of excellence," says Torgersen.



*Paul Torgersen kicks a field goal in the Superdome before last season's Sugar Bowl.*

In April, the Board of Visitors approved President Torgersen's strategic plan. The university intends to maintain its somewhat unique position as a major research university with a strong undergraduate emphasis. Virginia Tech will expand its outreach role emphasizing its statewide mission and availability of program offerings. The university will continue offering a comprehensive array of degrees in science, technology, professions, and the liberal arts, taking full advantage of communications, instructional, and information technology. Holding the line on adding more degree programs, Torgersen intends to improve the quality of those already offered.

The Virginia Tech College of Engineering achieved national distinction under Torgersen's tenure as dean. It has consistently ranked among the nation's top 25 engineering schools. The college's research funding has driven the university research program. Sponsored research in the college increased from about \$1 million annually in 1970, when Torgersen took over, to about \$39 million today. Under Torgersen the caliber of incoming students continually rose and today, about 70

percent of incoming freshmen rank in the top 10 percent of their high school class.

Teaching, research, and public service — the land-grant college mission — remain the core of President Torgersen's value system. Holding firm on teaching standards he says, "We can't compromise on the quality of instruction. We could save money by having more graduate students teach, but that's not an option here." Indeed, bucking the national trend at large state universities, more than 90 percent of Tech's lecture classes are taught by professors.

While Torgersen continues to work for appropriate levels of state funding, he is also bearing down on the university's current capital campaign. "I spend a lot of time on the road, but raising hundreds of millions of dollars in private support is absolutely necessary in order to maintain our margins of excellence. I am gratified that so many who believe in us have stepped forward with a commitment," says Torgersen. The \$250 million campaign passed the \$180 million mark in April of 1996.

Torgersen came to Virginia Tech in 1967 as department head of Industrial Engineering. He was dean of the College of Engineering from 1970-90. He was also acting president of the university in 1988 and acting vice president for development and university relations in 1993.

Torgersen and his wife, Dot, are natives of New Jersey. He has a B.S. in industrial engineering from Lehigh University and a M.S. and Ph.D from the Ohio State University. He is a registered professional engineer and labor arbitrator. He and Dot now make their home at The Grove on the Tech campus.

Torgersen's other credits include appointment to the National Research Council, and chairmanship from 1982-84 of the Virginia Governor's Task Force on Science and Technology, which led to the founding of the Virginia Center for Innovative Technology. He has served on the editorial boards of the Journal of Engineering Education, the Journal of Industrial Engineering, and AIIE Transactions.

*Story contributed by Larry Hincker, Director, University Relations*



# Dave Braine

The Virginia Tech athletic program has soared to national prominence under the leadership of Dave Braine, who in nine years as director of athletics has emerged as a giant in the field of sports administration.

Four straight football bowl trips, a dramatic rise in basketball and four straight all-sports championships for men on the conference level have carried Tech and Braine to unprecedented heights.

Honors continue to pour in for Tech teams. Nothing has been more significant than Tech's success in football with national rankings and bowl trips for four years in a row, including two straight appearances in the Bowl Alliance. The National Invitation Tournament championship in 1995 was another big plus as was the trip to the NCAA for the men's basketball team in 1996.

The women cagers played in the NCAA for a second straight year in 1995. Tech swept three Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament titles in 1996 in golf and men's and women's tennis and was the regular season champ in baseball. The men's team swept the Atlantic 10 All-Sports cup in 1996 after doing the same three straight years in the Metro Conference.

Indicative of Braine's national prominence was his recent appointment as chairman of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Special Events Committee. In this capacity, Braine directs the work of the committee that certifies postseason bowl games, all-star games for football and basketball, overseas tournaments and other special events.

Braine was instrumental in Tech gaining membership in the BIG EAST Football Conference and the Atlantic 10 Conference for other sports. He also brought about the addition of three women's sports—soccer, lacrosse and softball—giving the University a 21-sport varsity program. Tech fielded its first official team in women's soccer in 1993 and Lacrosse got under way in 1995. Softball started this spring.

The Tech athletic director came to Tech on January 1, 1988. He inherited a program that was mired in controversy and has given the University a new program that emphasizes the quality of student life.

It is important to note that Tech's success under Braine has come in both the classroom and on the playing field. "The concerns of the student-athlete must always come first," he says. "I want to make sure that all student-athletes at Virginia Tech have an opportunity to graduate. It will be our goal to give back a better person than we brought here."

The current graduation rate for Tech student-athletes is 70 percent. The national average for Division I schools is just 58 percent.

Braine is especially proud of the Athletic Director's Honor Roll which pays tribute to Tech student-athletes who post QCA's of 3.0 or better. Since the Honor Roll was established in 1988, an average of more than 150 athletes have been honored each semester. This figure represents more than one-fourth of the total number of athletes at Virginia Tech.

In Braine's time at Tech, there have been a number of significant improvements to facilities and there is a building boom taking place now. Plans have been announced for an \$8 million multi-purpose athletic project which will encompass a new facility for conditioning and weightlifting, an auditorium, academic center and improved sports medicine complex.



*Dave Braine accepts The Commonwealth Cup following this year's victory over Virginia.*

Also, work is underway on a new outdoor track/soccer complex. This facility is due to be completed next spring.

English Field, Tech's beautiful new baseball facility, was opened and dedicated in 1989. The Burrows-Burleson Tennis Center was dedicated in February, 1992. A new cross country course was opened on campus in 1993. Braine also has overseen projects such as the installation of a new basketball floor, a new roof at Cassell Coliseum and extensive painting throughout the athletic complex.

A native of Grove City, Pa., Braine received a high honor in February, 1993 when he was inducted into The Mercer County Hall of Fame in his "home" area.

Braine was a three-time football letterman at the University of North Carolina where he earned his B.A. degree in 1965 and his master's degree in 1966. He was an excellent defensive back and a record-setting place-kicker on the Tar Heel football team and was a member of the 1963 Carolina team that crushed Air Force Academy in the Gator Bowl.

After teaching and coaching football and baseball at Manatee High School in Bradenton, Fla., in 1966 and 1967, Braine joined the Virginia Military Institute football staff as a freshman coach in the spring of 1967. He became a varsity coach with the Keydets in 1969. He moved to the University of Richmond as secondary coach under Frank Jones in 1971. The Spiders won the Southern Conference championship and played in the Tangerine Bowl during Braine's time on the staff.

In 1972, Braine accepted a position as defensive secondary coach under Pepper Rodgers at Georgia Tech and he moved on to the University of Virginia as administrative assistant and secondary coach under Dick Bestwick in 1974. He was promoted to assistant head coach in 1975.

In 1978, Braine became assistant athletic director at the University of Virginia with special emphasis on football administration and facilities. He held that post until taking a similar job at Fresno State in 1983. Braine was promoted to associate athletic director at Fresno State in 1984 and held that job until landing the athletic directorship at Marshall University. In Braine's time at Marshall, the 1987 football team advanced to the 1-AA national championship game before bowing to Northeast Louisiana.

Braine is married to the former Carole Bowles of Richmond, Va., who is a graduate of Lynchburg College. Dave and Carole have three children—Jennifer, a speech-language pathologist who resides in Richmond, Va., with her husband, Dave Brown; Steven, a Virginia Tech graduate and a sales-marketing representative with International Sports Properties, who lives in Blacksburg with his wife Kimberly; and Meredith, a junior at Virginia Tech who is an all-Atlantic 10 performer with the Hokie volleyball team.

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**The Virginia Tech strength and conditioning staff:** (l-r) Jen Neziol, Ernest Jones, Coach Mike Gentry, Jim Whitten and Sonny Sano.

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*The Virginia Tech cheerleaders for 1996-97 are: (front row, l-r) Brad Grigg, senior (captain), Centreville, Va.; Michelle Cherwa, senior (captain), Virginia Beach, Va.; Amy Wells, sophomore (HokieBird), Staunton, Va.; Lisa Chellino, senior, Centreville, Va.; Sean Sweeney, senior, East Patchaque, N.Y.; (second row) Dana Bitondo, junior, Newton, N.J.; Kelly Shenal, junior, Fairfax, Va.; Maryanne Watson, senior, Burke, Va.; Kimmy Bendiroth, junior, Woodbridge, Va.; Courtney Ottley, junior, Chesapeake, Va.; Chris Reynoldo, sophomore, Herndon, Va.; (third row) Shawn Chando, senior, Port Murry, N.J.; Shawn Stanley, junior, Blue Ridge, Va.; Jeff Leaman, junior, Germantown, Md.; Chris Pokrana, junior, Tampa, Fla.; Doug Blanchard, sophomore, Dale City, Va.; Dustin Peverill, junior, Dale City, Va.; Lance Taylor, graduate assistant, Dallas, Texas; Matt Silvis, junior, Dale City, Va.; (not pictured) Jason Oates, junior, Raleigh, N.C.; Todd Maroldo, senior (HokieBird), Cherry Hill, N.J.; Eric Williams, coach.*



*The Virginia Tech Athletic Fund staff: (l-r) Johnnie Hoehn, John Moody, Debi McCoy, Terry Bolt, Diana Foin, Sharon Linkous, Lu Merritt and Scarlett Schneider. Matthew Lucas (inset) joined the staff as associate director in June, 1996.*

## MANAGERS AND TRAINERS



*Virginia Tech's student trainers for 1996 are: (kneeling, l-r) Aaron Gresham, Nathaniel Hoelk; (standing, l-r) Jacqueline Stahl, Dana Bottiglieri and Sara Richards.*



*Virginia Tech's student managers for 1996 are: (kneeling, l-r) Lauren Martin, Todd Campbell, Scott Mahl; (standing, l-r) Nicholas Watson, Fred Wydner, Eric Johnson and P.J. Paland.*

# Hokies Celebrate Best Season Ever



## What a finish!

The scoreboard tells the story of Tech's win over arch-rival Virginia. Hokie fans tore down the goal posts.

## TO THE MEDIA:

Everyone connected with Virginia Tech football appreciates the tremendous media coverage our Hokies received across the country this season. Now, we hope you will join us for the FedEx Orange Bowl game.

This supplementary guide was prepared to help you in your coverage of our game with Nebraska. Should you have additional questions, give us a call in the Tech Sports Information Office at (540) 231-6726.

All the members of our staff (pictured at right) stand ready to help you, either through our office or starting Dec. 26 in Miami.

*Jack Williams*

Jack Williams  
Director of Media Relations



*The Virginia Tech Sports Information Staff: (front, l to r) Drew Kubovcik, Hokie Huddler assistant editor; David Knachel, assistant SID and photographer; Anne Panella, associate SID; Dave Smith, sports information director; (standing, l to r) Jimmy Robertson, Hokie Huddler editor; Donna Stone, secretary; Jack Williams, director of media relations; Gory Wheat assistant SID and Cassie Arner, assistant SID.*

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### On the Cover

The magic of Virginia Tech's 10-win football season was captured by SID photographer David Knachel. The cover montage shows quarterback Jim Druckenmiller passing his way to BIG EAST Conference offensive honors and top defenders Cornell Brown (58) and Myron Newsome supplying the tackles. BIG EAST Coach of the Year Frank Beamer is featured in the inset.

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▲ The beautiful Drillfield in the heart of the Virginia Tech campus.



▲ The Pylons at the entrance to the campus are a Virginia Tech landmark.



▲ The Tech campus is beautiful in all seasons, especially when the fall leaves turn to gold and red.

▲ A dogwood tree signals a welcome to spring on the Virginia Tech campus.



▲ An architect's drawing of the proposed Merryman Athletic Complex, which will be under construction soon.



# 1996 Virginia Tech Seniors



**68 Chris Andreadis**  
Offensive Guard  
Cedar Grove, N.J.



**9 Antonio Banks**  
Cornerback  
Newport News, Va.



**58 Cornell Brown**  
Defensive End  
Lynchburg, Va.



**61 Billy Conaty**  
Center  
Pennsauken, N.J.



**16 Jim Druckenmiller**  
Quarterback  
Northampton, Pa.



**32 Brian Edmonds**  
Fullback  
Blackstone, Va.



**14 Torrian Gray**  
Free Safety  
Lakeland, Fla.



**71 Jay Hagood**  
Offensive Tackle  
Easley, S.C.



**98 Waverly Jackson**  
Defensive Tackle  
South Hill, Va.



**81 Bryan Jennings**  
Tight End  
Forest, Va.



**40 Shaine Miles**  
Tight End  
Salem, Va.



**55 Myron Newsome**  
Linebacker  
Hampton, Va.



**21 Brandon Semones**  
Linebacker  
Salem, Va.



**29 Chad Vaughn**  
Cornerback  
Burke, Va.



**72 Tim Wade**  
Center  
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**76 T.J. Washington**  
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Melfa, Va.



**4 Cornelius White**  
Split End  
Pennel, Pa.